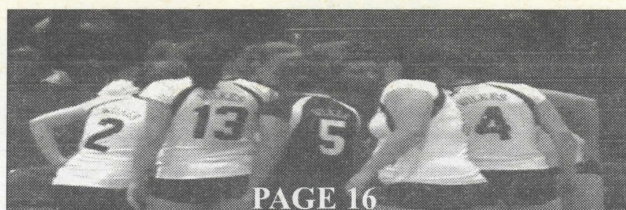


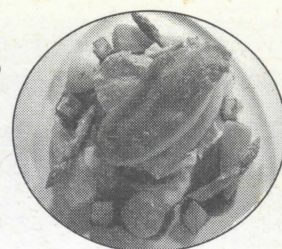


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Wilkes reacts to historic election night

BY AMY FUSCO

Beacon Asst. News Editor

"If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our Founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," so began Senator Barack Obama's historic speech in Chicago's Grant Park immediately following his win after an arduous 22-month bid for the American presidency.

Obama will become the 44th president of the United States after having won 365 electoral votes Tuesday night, including 21 from Pennsylvania, while Republican presidential candidate Senator John McCain fell short with 173.

As tens of thousands Obama supporters listened to his acceptance speech in Chicago, Wilkes University community members listened on their television sets in the state that many hail as the final battleground through the hard-fought campaign. And like much of the rest of the country, the reactions in Wilkes-Barre were varied and emotional.



The Beacon/ Bethany Yamrick
On November 4, students gathered to watch election coverage in SLC 101. Information about the presidential candidates was offered and faculty gave presentations.

Dr. Tim Gilmour, Wilkes University president, believed that the election was a "transformative moment and probably one that everyone will look back on." He ac-

knowledgeed that this election is likely to have a significant influence in history and

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Flint promoted to Director

CATHRYN FREAR

Beacon Asst. News Editor

Formerly the coordinator of undergraduate education, Dr. Ellen Flint has recently been promoted to the position of director of undergraduate education.

Though the two titles sound rather similar, the roles are quite different. The distinction is, as Flint put it, "A directorship has the opportunity to provide vision, guide and of course [work] closely with faculty. As coordinator, one acts as a liaison." Think in terms of someone who helps the director coordinate a movie moving into the director's chair.

Provost, Dr. Reynold Verret, said that the promotion was "...basically a redefinition of her already existing position as coordinator of undergraduate education."

Flint joined Wilkes in 1990 as an assistant professor of music and was eventually tenured and promoted to the associate professor rank. As a faculty member interested in overall student development, Flint taught a first year foundations course. According to Flint, she loved it and wanted to continue in the role. She eventually became director of the first year foundations program, along with Dr. Doug Lynch, former associate professor of education. In addition, in the past two years Flint has spearheaded the Undergraduate Research Symposium in the spring. The event celebrates original student research as well as creative endeavors, in particular those projects that have been funded by mentoring grants.

Verret, who was responsible for Flint's

Spring registration is learning experience for SSC, students

BY NICOLE FRAIL

Beacon News Editor

As Student Service Center (SSC) employees departed for the weekend on Friday, October 24, they left campus with not only fingers crossed and some trepidation, but also the personal phone numbers of fellow SSC and Information Technology workers. The following Monday, October 27, marked the beginning of spring semester registration, a process that would be done completely online for all Wilkes undergraduate students

for the first time.

"Everyone had everyone's phone numbers to call in the middle of the night in case [congestion or failure on the system] happened. Sue [Hritzak, Wilkes University Registrar] was going to get the first phone call from IT," said Janine Becker, director of SSC. "On Monday, we all came in and [asked if we had a problem] and there were no problems, so that was good."

Registering online should not be an unfamiliar process for Wilkes students, who have had the option available to them since

2000. In the past, students were able to register online by themselves at their specified time or to go to the SSC desk with hard copy registration forms where the service clerks would assist them.

"They don't have to come down here to stand in line. They don't have to adhere to our regular office hours. There were a couple of minor issues going on, but we've learned what the problem was and are on

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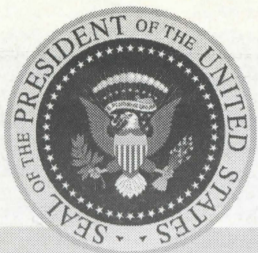
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Spanish club donates to local clinics

BY MATTHEW GOGAS

Beacon Staff Writer

In an effort to help break the language barrier for members of the Hispanic community, the Wilkes University Spanish club is donating specialized medical translation boards to local free clinics throughout the Wilkes-Barre area.

The medical translation boards consist of universally identifiable pictures and Spanish words along with their English meanings. The goal of the boards is to help make it easier for doctors and nurses to communicate with Spanish speaking patients.

The first series of translation boards will be presented to the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in Wilkes-Barre by several members of the Spanish club on Friday, November 14. The free medical clinic was chosen because the club feels

that this is one of many health care facilities in the community with a large number of Spanish-speaking patients.

The Spanish club will also donate to the Wilkes-Barre Free Clinic on South Franklin St., the free clinic on Jackson Ave. in Wilkes-Barre, and the Care and Concern Free Health Clinic on Williams St. in Pittston. These clinics were also chosen because of the large number of Hispanic patients that they treat.

As a whole, the club felt that donating the boards would be a great community service. Lili Dibai, the Spanish club president and Wilkes University junior, feels positively about the project. "The Spanish club thought it would be a great idea to donate medical translation boards to local clinics because a lot of times they have Hispanic patients coming in who speak lit-

tle or no English. So, we thought it would be good to help out the local communities," said Dibai.

The idea for donating the medical translation boards first took shape last year as a community service project during which members discovered a newspaper ad for a private business that makes these specialized translation boards.

Along with this community service project, the Spanish club has also contributed to the community by donating bilingual and Spanish Bibles to the Holy Rosary Church, on Park Ave., which offers masses in Spanish. The students also volunteered at Clothes Closet, an institution for low income individuals. The students helped by interpreting for Latino families and translating into English.

Associate Professor of Foreign Languages and faculty advisor to the Spanish club, Dr. Paola Bianco, sees a need for more involvement in the community because of the growing number of Hispanic families in the area. She also encourages her students to become more involved where ever they can.

"Students who are studying Spanish are able to learn and use the language in the real environment and at the same time they are helping the Hispanic community in a very much needed area. They learn to be tolerant, appreciative and respectful of other cultures," said Bianco. "While they improve their Spanish bilingual skills they develop cultural sensitivity, multicultural competence, and cultural knowledge which will make them fit in the multicultural society we are living in today."



The Beacon/Lauren Biernacki

Flint, former coordinator of undergraduate education, has been given more responsibilities as director of undergraduate education.

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promotion, said, "I increased her responsibilities...She retained responsibility as FYF director, but also brought the core faculty together."

As director of undergraduate education, one of Flint's most important roles will be to improve upon the general education curriculum. Flint said, "As I move through [improving the curriculum], I will also work with faculty to implement [the new requirements]... Following the assessments, I will work with chairs to ensure gen eds support and are complementing a student's degree program.

"I'm looking to work with Wilkes University to be sure that the gen

ed curriculum does that instead of being separate," said Flint. Also, when the provost requires it, she will be engaged in student grade appeals and have input on transfer credit agreements.

Flint believes that her history at the university will help to inform her new role as director of undergraduate education. "My knowledge of the history of the university allows me to look to the future and see how our program can grow and enhance while still preserving what the university is about," she explained. She also believes that being a musician has taught her to keep the larger picture in mind, develop self-discipline, and perhaps most importantly, develop the tenacity to "...work and work until the job is done."



Photo courtesy of Paola Bianco

Members of Spanish club in NYC. This semester they are donating boards to translate medical issues within the Hispanic community.

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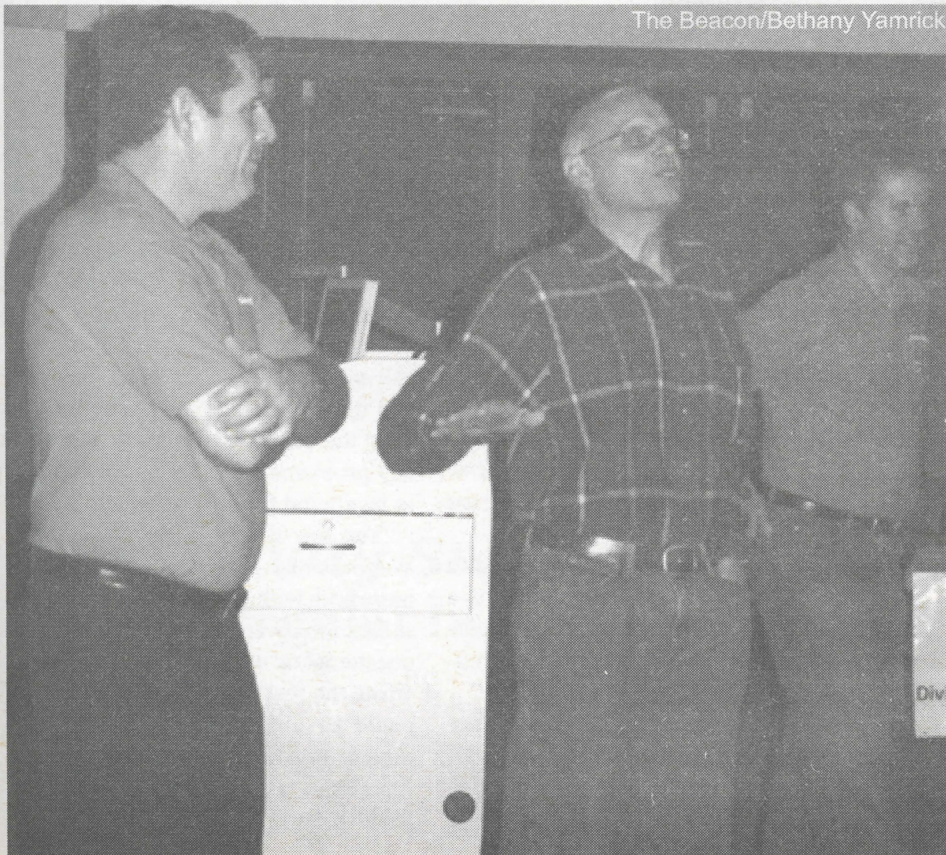
that countries across the globe were watching the votes pour in and anticipating the outcomes.

"[Obama's election] reflects the long journey of improving the past," said Gilmour.

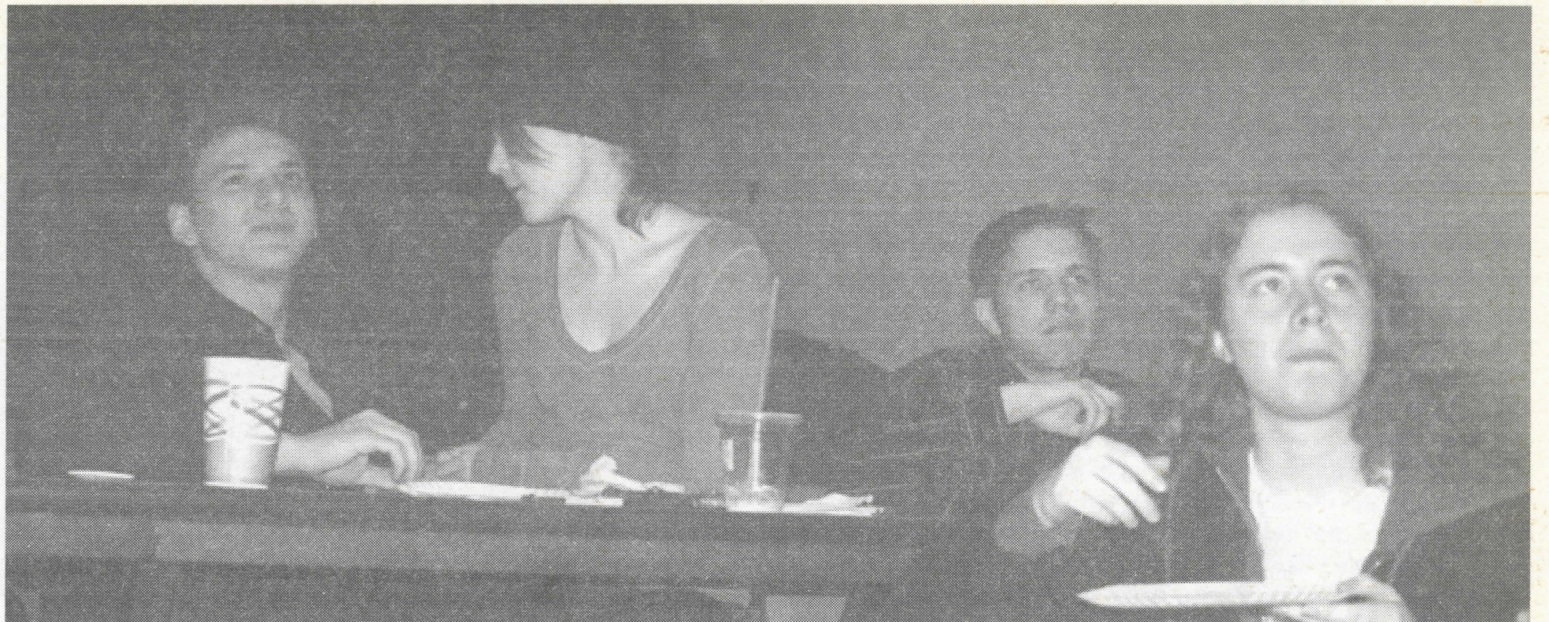
In addition, Gilmour appreciated the fact that Obama and McCain both respected each other in their acceptance and concession speeches. McCain's concession speech spoke of "deep admiration" for Obama's ability to inspire the hope of millions of Americans and acknowledged the historic significance of electing the first African American president. He referred to Obama as a "good man" and pledged his support to help Obama lead the country to address its many challenges. Obama, similarly, recognized McCain who "has endured sacrifices for America that most of us cannot begin to imagine. We are better off for the service rendered by this brave and selfless leader."

Among the many issues on the minds of those at Wilkes and other colleges and universities across the nation is the question of how an Obama presidency will impact higher education and rising costs in that arena. "Obama is very supportive of higher education, which is part of his overall platform that includes education being the part of the answer to America's challenges.

Dr. Baldino discusses the election coverage with students and members of the Wilkes community in the audience. The event was sponsored by DividedWeFail.org.



The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick



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Students watch the election coverage and results on a large screen in SLC 101, with discussion throughout the evening about the polls, President-Elect Obama and their reactions to the election in general.

His policies relevant to college and higher education show support, demand and the need of accountability that is constructive," Gilmour said. Obama wants to increase federal aid for college students, which reduces the burden of loans.

"There is a need for well-educated people in the current information age, with advancements in technology everyday and available information at people's fingertips," Gilmour added.

Despite a lack of sleep on election night, Michael Frantz, vice president for enrollment services, was still energized the next

day following Obama's election.

"Obama has characteristics of a leader and a uniter, which will benefit domestically," said Frantz. "He made promises, but also brought people back to reality by explaining the challenges the country is facing. The legislation has not been written yet, but the chances are positive," he added. Along with President Gilmour, Frantz explained that one of Obama's top priorities is education. Plans to increase Pell Grants and fund students for community service are a few examples.

"Obama is the greatest orator of my generation," said Frantz. While he was watching the election speech, he was moved by Obama's words and the reaction of people in the crowd. Frantz believes it is an historic election which captured international attention.

When the promises Obama made are implemented, there will be positive change and reflects the "Yes We Can" theme of Obama's presidential campaign, commented Frantz.

This election also marked one of the most significant for young voters with a substantially higher turn out than in years past. Nevertheless, some believe that the promised change will take time to come about. "I don't think [Obama's election] will have effects immediately [for Wilkes students], because after the fact...we kind of just go on with our lives," said Casim Gomez, freshman English major. Despite this, Gomez believes there is hope in that, "Students can do community service as part of a scholarship program through Obama's plans" if they are successful, and he was enthusiastic with Obama's win.

"I was surprised Obama won the election over John McCain. I am a little anxious about the some changes he is planning to make to our government. However, I am

looking forward to see if he will be able to change things for the better," said Caitlin Kelley, P1 pharmacy major.

"As Obama had said in his campaign, he plans on making college cheaper and making loans more accessible. Hopefully, if he follows through with his plans, attending college will be less expensive and the college population will increase. I believe that good education in this country is what we need to progress," Kelley added.

"I am excited for new change in the White House and to see what changes will be made first," stated Jessica McMahon, junior English education and history major. She is also looking at what changes Obama will make that will affect her future, such as in education reforms to the current No Child Left Behind Act. "I most anticipate the new change for the next four years and to the re-evaluation of the government we are in under George Bush," she added.

Mark Simmons, sophomore electrical engineer, who voted for presidential candidate John McCain, thought differently about the Democratic state of Pennsylvania.

"In his plan or package, he wants to give more money, but that money has to come from somewhere. Historically, Democrats raise taxes significantly higher than Republicans. If they decide to not raise taxes, they will have to pull money from somewhere else and that could have some really nasty repercussions," said Simmons. "I didn't really follow Obama that much, but from what I heard him saying, he was going to give more money and more opportunities [for people] to go to college. In this country you don't necessarily need a college education to succeed," he added.

"Change is fearful and hard, but people shouldn't fear it and come together as a country," Frantz said.

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our way to correcting most of them at this point," said Hritzak.

Another change in the course of registration this semester is that students are no longer registering in rotations. The process still takes place in order of class, but no matter what letter students' last names start with, all members of the class can register the second the clock strikes midnight.

"This way, students can kind of do it at their own pace. Sue's suggestion to put it at midnight was good because we know a lot of students are still up at midnight so they can do it on their hours, not our [office] hours... So even though it looks like the As could've gone first and then the Zs, there were actually more hours available for registration so they could do it 24/7," said Becker.

"There was some trepidation before it even started from students about that issue, but it seems to have worked out fine," added Hritzak.

"I personally had no problem registering. It was the idea that they started the [fall] semester with the rotation then switched it over to all at once that infuriated me and the students I represent..." said Benjamin Beidel, sophomore

pre-pharmacy major. "If they want to try it all at once, just do it for the freshmen. They hadn't had the rotation and weren't already used to it. Experiment with them..."

Another difference students saw this semester was that SSC clerks could no longer help them when they were not granted access to a class. If a course required department approval or a prerequisite, students were sent to the chairs of their departments to receive override codes. The goal for this change was to empower faculty and department chairs to make such decisions.

"I think because Wilkes is so focused on making sure that we're providing mentoring to each of our students individually about their program and their courses, we really want to reinforce that by allowing those types of decisions by faculty," said Becker. "We really want that student to have to talk to their department to decide... We really want them to work with their advisor and their department to create the best scheduling course load that works for their program. That's not something we [the SSC] want to do on the administrative side."

Department chairpersons have received instructions on how to approve courses for students. Hritzak emphasized that students

should schedule meetings with the chair, not the departments' office assistants. While office staff can physically put the code in for the students, the students need to seek permission from the chairs first.

According to Hritzak and Becker, the majority of the two-week registration period passed smoothly. As of November 6, 70 percent of students had completed their registration. Without rotations, registration was cut down from the usual three weeks to two.

"I was really nervous about registering online, but I registered early and had no problems," said Kristen Pechulis, sophomore English major.

Registration did not pass without a few glitches, however. Specifically, pharmacy students had difficulty registering for classes.

"This has been the fourth semester I have not been able to register online due to becoming or being in my professional years of pharmacy school. It's always one problem after another. The program either doesn't recognize our prerequisites, some code is entered in the computer wrong, or our professional credits aren't recognized so we can't register at the appropriate time," said Sherri Homanko, P2 pharmacy major. Homanko is supposed to register as a senior, but was not granted access to the registration page of the MyWilkes portal until the days specified for juniors.

Homanko added, "This really interferes with a lot of our scheduling, especially when it comes to the students who are trying to get minors outside of the major."

"This is the whole issue we were trying to fix..." acknowledged Hritzak. "We have different levels of pharmacy students registering for different levels of classes and in order to accommodate for that mix from the P1 [and] P2 years, these were the time controls we were trying to adjust to make it work for them. That's why they were having all those issues for all those years prior to this."

"It should be better going forward. With what we learned the system can do for us and what we learned the hard way this time, we think going forward it should solve some of those problems that the pharmacy students have had for a couple of years now. We should be able to have smooth sailing for them now..." said Becker.

While Student Services was attempting to fix the problems facing pharmacy majors, a window of opportunity opened for students randomly checking to see if they could register early.

"We weren't allowed to register until Sunday night, but I registered [for one class] on October 28... I heard from a friend [that they had gotten in early]," said Steve Gruver,

sophomore pre-pharmacy major. "Many people got on and just did their whole schedule... But by four o'clock that day, no one was able to get in."

Becker said they know the names of students who were able to register for classes during the block of time that had been set aside to fix complications for pharmacy majors. Once registration is complete, Becker and Hritzak will examine the courses to see if any seniors were not able to register for classes they needed to graduate. If seniors are not waitlisted, then sophomores who registered early will not be removed from the courses.

"Again, it was a learning process and we realized what we did and we'll know for next time," said Hritzak.

Another technical complication that has been a problem for the past few semesters has dealt with transferred credits from other institutions.

"This is an error in the system and we have our IT staff checking into why that's not recognized. That is an issue that is being taken care of, but in the meantime that can easily be overridden at the department level. We hope to have that fixed for next semester. That will take care of a good number of them," said Hritzak.

As registration comes to an end, Hritzak and Becker will examine the results and the information they have gathered over the past two weeks to see where any problems lie and what aspects need to be altered for next semester.

"You can always communicate more. We probably could've communicated more both with students and faculty with some of the even more 'frequently asked questions' or recommendations. We rewrote the instructions, but we probably could have done that with even more precise instructions, and that's why it's important to get that feedback now," said Becker.



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On Saturday, November 9th, Wilkes-Barre celebrated Veterans' Day with a parade across the Market Street Bridge and around Public Square in recognition of the members of the military who have defended our country, past and present.

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BY DAVE LEWIS
Beacon Correspondent

Treasurer's Report

- All College: \$3,396.69
- General: \$2,684.74
- Special Projects: \$1,595.56
- Spirit: \$2,000.00
- Leadership: \$3,744.59
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Club Reports

The following clubs presented updates on their events.

- Programming Board
- MSC

New Business

- Wilkes-Barre City Christmas Parade, Saturday Nov 22— SG budget for parade will be created.
- Policy Discussion—General Board voiced concerns and had a discussion with the Executive Board on how to make Student Government better and more efficient between members.
- Member of the Month—SG member

David Sborz for his hard work with senior class socials.

- Student Concerns

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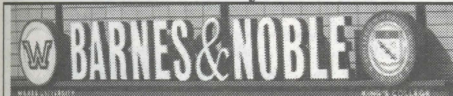
- Appointment of Freshman Class Representative
- USA Today
- McGlynn Halloween Party
- Zebra Communications Donation Request
- Casino Night Allocation

Events

- IRHC Halloween Party Oct 29, 7:30 p.m.
- CC & Renaissance Club Haunted House Oct 30 & 31, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

* At 7:30 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn the SG meeting. The motion was approved.

SG meetings are open to all students. They are held every Wednesday in the Miller Conference room on the second



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- "**Thanksgiving**" theme this Saturday story time at 11:00am
- "**Improv Hour**" every third Sunday with the Young Actors of Wilkes Conservatory from 4:00-5:00pm



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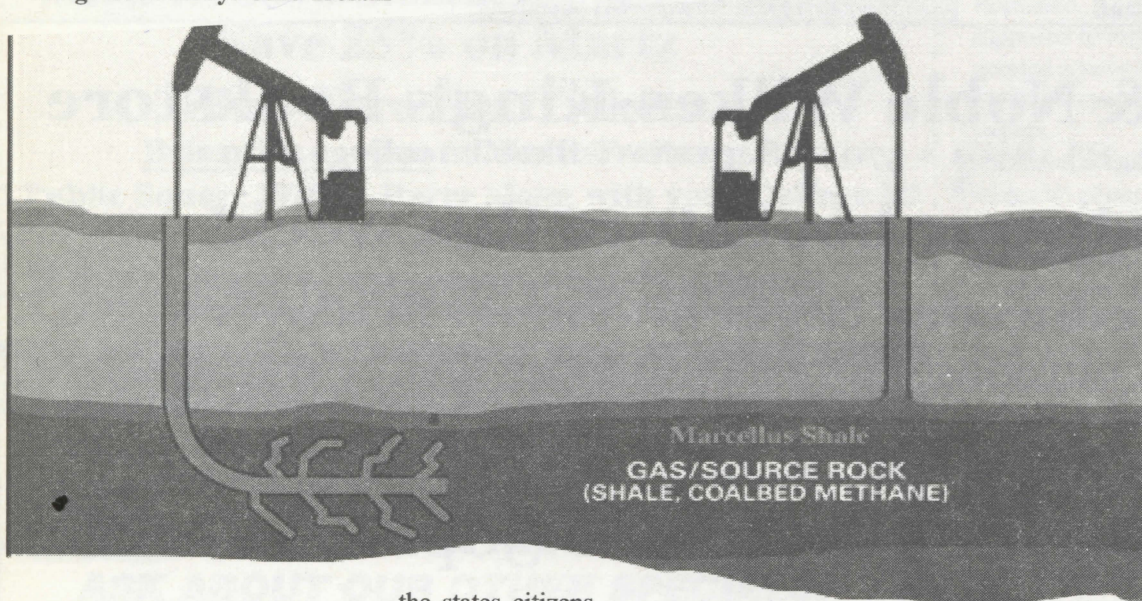
Natural gas offers potential “gold mine”

BY THE BEACON
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Last week The Beacon ran an article entitled “Wilkes project analyzes Marcellus Shale in NEPA,” by Amy Fusco examining the potential economic gains from the giant Marcellus shale belt found running throughout Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania is now classified as one of the largest natural-gas producing states. Governor Ed Rendell (D) has described the drilling for Marcellus shale in the northeast as a potential “gold rush.”

Image Created by: Gino Troiani



Researchers have discovered an abundance of Marcellus shale that runs directly through Pennsylvania and surrounding states, making it a prime area for natural gas. It is one of the cleanest burning fuels and produces very little greenhouse gases.

What is Marcellus Shale?

Marcellus Shale, is a Middle Devonian-age black, low density, carbonaceous (organic rich) shale. It is amongst the deepest shale's found below the earth's surface.

What are the benefits?

“The value of this science could increment the net worth of U.S. energy resources by a trillion dollars, plus or minus billions,” says Terry Engelder, professor of geosciences, at Penn State University.

Currently, the United States produces roughly 30 trillion cubic feet of gas each year. According to Engelder, if done correctly, the U.S. should be able to increase those numbers and increase gas production by twenty trillion cubic feet a year.

Natural gas drilling could possess a huge economic boom for

roads from heavy trucks, traffic and equipment. Gas wells possess the ability to disrupt or pollute the water tables which hold drinking water, and school districts could be strained by families of gas company employees moving into town. Due to state policies, drilling companies are required to test the water on a regular basis.

Drilling for Marcellus requires an abundance of fresh water. Through investigation DEP has discovered violations that threaten the state's water resources and its environment. Some of which include, inadequate erosion and

Bradford, Lycoming, Susquehanna, and Wayne County.

Land owners are currently being approached by drilling companies with offers that have exceeded \$2000 per acre to lease their land. If accepted, there is usually a signing bonus of guaranteed revenue. That amount is determined by the possibility of striking gas, and the number of other buyers competing to make the purchase. If gas is found, the land owner will receive additional profit through royalties. A royalty is a share of a well's income. Currently, the customary royalty rate is around 12.5 percent. If a well produces around one million cubic feet of natural gas per day, the royalties may add up to be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In contrast, the Rail-Trail Council of Northeastern PA; the Wayne County Oil and Gas Group; the Elk Gas Group; and the Thompson Area Oil and Gas Group have joined forces to form the Susquehanna Wayne Oil and Gas Group, (SWOGG) to help negotiate gas leases.

Our verdict

Further drilling for natural gas in and around the Pennsylvania area is necessary because it offers the possibility for strong economic growth and a much needed increase in the workforce. But drilling should only take place in accordance with DEP standards and with careful monitoring of the health and safety of the humans who live near or on the land in question. Safe drinking water cannot be sacrificed for cheaper energy sources; thus, it is imperative that the DEP work hand in hand with those who would conduct the drilling. a safe and environmentally friendly manor.

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and its industries. Over the last eight years, Pennsylvania has experienced a steady growth in oil and natural gas exploration. According to the State Department of Environmental Protection, (DEP) the number of drilling permits issued in 2007 hit 7,241. In addition, A Pennsylvania State University study estimates that nearly 24,000 jobs will be created over the next three years.

What are the risks?

There has been much voiced concern for damages to local

sediment controls, improper waste and fluid disposal, dangerous water impoundments, and improper and unregistered withdrawals of water from streams. DEP Secretary Kathleen A. McGinty stated that DEP is currently addressing those issues.

Where is it being done?

DEP has reported that at least 18 counties primarily located in the northern and southwest tiers of the state are being drilled for Marcellus shale. Some of which include,

Talking Points



The Beacon supports further drilling for Marcellus shale only if it is done in an environmentally friendly fashion.



Pennsylvania and its residents possess the ability to earn generous sums of money from drilling.



Regular testing of water sources is a must if used in or around the drilling process.

The Angry Rant: Beyonce's desire to be a boy

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
Beacon Staff Writer

Ah, Beyonce. Is there anything she can't do? She's gone from soulful, sultry musical talent to mediocre, so-so actress (she made Austin Powers 3 only slightly watchable) to media mogul (vis-à-vis Jay-Z) in less than a decade. So it should come as no surprise that this child of destiny (get it?!) is finally taking the next logical step in becoming a full fledged parody of the music industry: she created an alter ego.

That alter ego is known as Sasha Fierce, which conveniently coincides with her newest album "Who Is...Sasha Fierce?" It seems that Fierce was created so that Beyonce could explore her more sexual side. Right, because no one would have ever believed that Beyonce Knowles, who is a perennial member in lists such as "The 100 Sexiest Females Ever To Exist Of All Time" could be sexy, right?

All joking aside, I've got a couple things to say:

Sasha Fierce? Really? That's the best name you could pick? Quite frankly, that sounds like a bad comic book character. (Which, undoubtedly would be played by Ms. Oscar herself, Jessica Alba). That's actually awesome news for fanboys everywhere, who get to see one of their favorite characters brought to life by an actress who has about as much depth as the paper that the comic book is printed on. That, in turn, is great news for me, because I get to make fun of it to no end. When a singer (I now refuse to call her an artist or a musician), creates an alter ego, that means that their original ego has become so inflated that one name isn't enough. See also: Puff Daddy, P Diddy, Sean John, P Poppa Diddy Did, Mariah Carey, Janet Jackson and Garth Brooks. That can't be good news for Beyonce. That's like wanting to open up a theme park in Europe, but the only example you have is Euro-Disney.

Not only is the alter ego annoying, but has anyone else noticed that Beyonce has very easily transitioned to being a one-name singer? She went from being regular Beyonce Knowles to just Beyonce, and no one seemed to notice. As it is, she has joined the ranks of such luminaries as Rihanna, Fergie, Charo, Brandy, Monica...uh...Selena...Judy?

My point is, Beyonce is dangerously close to becoming the musical version of How-

ard Hughes. (I don't know if that last line makes any sense. Wait...it does.)

But let's not dilly-dally any further and get to the heart of the matter, and that is Beyonce's new song, "If I Were A Boy," which, without any bias from myself, is the worst song ever made. But I'll let you decide:

If I were a boy

Even just for a day

I'd roll outta bed in the morning

And throw on what I wanted then go

Hey Beyonce, have you ever been to a college campus? Guess what, girls don't glitz themselves up for an 8AM class. Girls can wear whatever they want!

If I went to class wearing nothing but a pair of boy shorts and a mesh shirt, I would be promptly asked to leave, and then deservedly, I would be punched in the

ly doused in kerosene and lit on fire.)

Drink beer with the guys

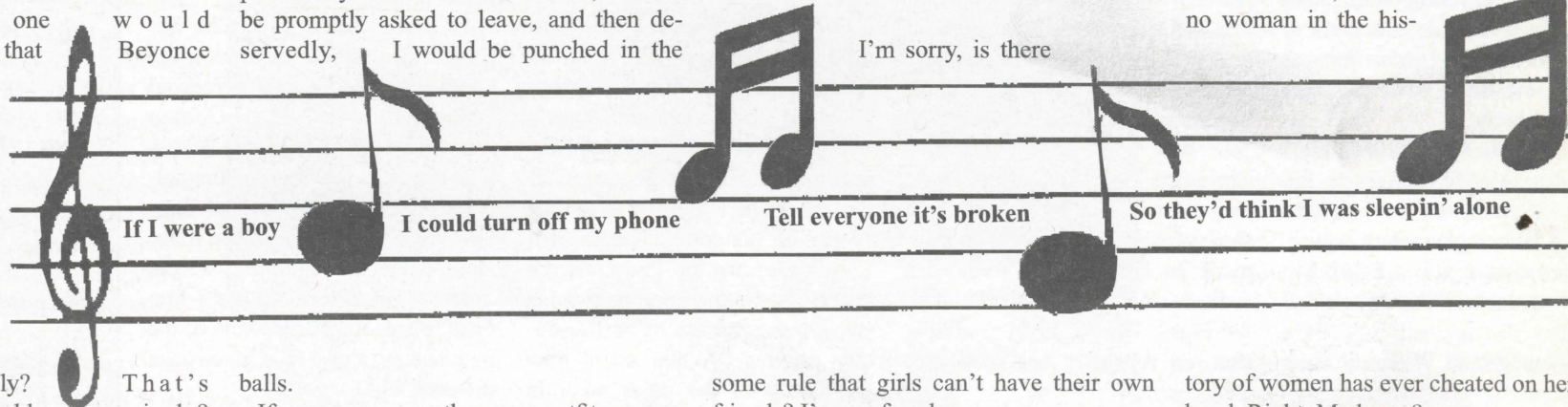
I understand that you're worth a small fortune, and since you've been rolling with Jay-Z, you probably don't have any use for this piece of advice, but nothing is stopping you from tossing back a cold one with any of your male friends. In fact, they'd probably like you more for drinking a beer, as opposed to the drinks you're used to drinking, which, I can only imagine have been made from water that came from melted icebergs that haven't been in liquid form in 2000 years.

And chase after girls

Once again, feel free to do that. No one (including this writer) is stopping you.

I'd kick it with who I wanted

I'm sorry, is there



balls.

If a woman wore the same outfit, no one would think twice about it. In fact, she would be likely receive compliments and be encouraged to wear that more often. Women can wear whatever they want, because they look effortlessly attractive. Guys do not have that luxury. We are disgusting creatures, and our bodies are built like ATVs—for utility purposes only. The female form is beautiful.

Also, Beyonce, have you once looked in the mirror? For God's sakes, you're Beyonce! You could walk outside in a snow-suit and still be better looking than most women (Not any girls at Wilkes University, mind you, *wink*.) Here's a secret: men do not care about how women dress. Really, it's true. You could wear a garbage bag filled with week-old diapers to a club, and we could really care less. The only people who care about what women wear are other women. (Also, Perez Hilton. But he's kind of a girl anyway, right?) The truth is, the real reason that you feel that you can't wear whatever you like is because other women are going to criticize you. Guys don't care. Really, we don't.

(Also, is there a more ironically named piece of clothing than the boy short? Dudes don't wear that, and if any self respecting man, regardless of sexual orientation, did admit to wearing that, he would be prompt-

some rule that girls can't have their own friends? I'm confused.

And I'd never get confronted for it

Really? Because guys never get into fights.

Cause they'd stick up for me.

That's actually true, because I've never been accosted by a group of girls after I allegedly left one of their friends at a gas station in New Jersey because I wanted to break up with her. Sure, that never happened.

If I were a boy

I think I could understand

How it feels to love a girl

Well, naturally, since you're actually a girl.

I swear I'd be a better man.

I'd listen to her

Cause I know how it hurts

When you lose the one you wanted

Cause he's taken you for granted

And everything you had got destroyed

So here we have an inference that men don't listen to women. Also, according to you, no man has ever been hurt by a woman. That's just blatant misandry (look it up). Let me drop some truth right now: There are a lot of vindictive women out there who have broken many a young man's heart. Trust me. Don't think for a moment that men are any different than women in that department.

If I were a boy

I could turn off my phone

Tell everyone it's broken

So they'd think that I was sleepin' alone

I'd put myself first

And make the rules as I go

So you're telling me that no girl has ever said to her significant other: "If you don't know what's wrong, then I'm not going to tell you." Let's face it, women are just as (if not more) deceptive than men. They're duplicitous double-speakers who confound men with their medusa like abilities (also referred to as breasts).

Cause I know that she'd be faithful

Waitin' for me to come home (to come home)

Of course there is nothing wrong with that statement, because no woman in the his-

tory of women has ever cheated on her husband. Right, Madonna?

It's a little too late for you to come back

Say its just a mistake

Think I'd forgive you like that

If you thought I would wait for you

You thought wrong

Blah, blah, blah men have it so easy...

But you're just a boy

You don't understand

Yeah you don't understand

How it feels to love a girl someday

You wish you were a better man

You don't listen to her

You don't care how it hurts

Until you lose the one you wanted

Cause you've taken her for granted

And everything you have got destroyed

But you're just a boy

Honestly, I tuned out about 11 lines ago. This song is pure drivel, and quite frankly, I'm angered by it. How convenient for the purposes of this article.

But really, can someone please tell Beyonce that it's not exactly a walk in the park for men? Sure, we make more money than women, but we also die earlier. And something else? Our bathrooms don't come equipped with sofas and potpourri. We have stalls and urinals, and more often than not, we are lucky to have soap and running water. So please, do all of us a favor and stop complaining about how hard you have it.

A look into the past: John Wilkes

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John Wilkes, 1727-1797. "Early defender of political liberty, free speech, and the rights of the people to elect their leaders."

Though a statue of the man stands prominently on campus between the Eugene Farley Library and Chase Hall, and he serves as the namesake for the university, few students could actually articulate why.

First, some background: Wilkes, born on October 17, 1727, in London, England, was the second son of Israel Wilkes, a successful malt distiller. As a young man, John Wilkes furthered his education at the University of Leiden located in the Netherlands, where he studied civil liberty.

On May 23, 1747, Wilkes married Mary Meade, heiress to the manor of Aylesbury, and daughter of a Buckinghamshire squire. This connection was a helpful in furthering John Wilkes's political career.

As a young man, Wilkes became

genial society of the Medmenham Monks, also known as the "Hell Fire Club," who met occasionally in the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey at Medmenham, Buckinghamshire. The exclusive club has been described as a cross between the dead poets society, and a risqué Playboy club rolled into one.

Dr. Harold Cox, Wilkes University's archivist explained that Wilkes was elected to parliament from the town of Middlesex in 1757 through what was known as a "...rotten burrow." Meaning that he spent generous amounts of money to buy his votes.

According to most biographers, Wilkes was a very outspoken and witty man, never hesitant to speak his mind while strongly advocating freedom of speech, religion, and freedom of the press. "He was a ruthless politician," explained Cox, and often found himself in heated debates amongst the various members of parliament. In 1762, Wilkes founded a radical weekly periodical called the North Briton. In his publication, he regularly launched pro-

vocative attacks on the Scottish John Stuart, 3rd Earl of Bute, who came to power as the head of the government in 1776. Wilkes strongly disagreed with Stuart on various issues, and he demonstrated this through the press. The paper carried an anti-Scott tone, and was sarcastically yet cleverly named the North Briton, referring to Scotland. Wilkes also used his publication to harshly criticize and mock King George III and his ministers. Because the King, along with high government officials, did not approve of its tone or content, Wilkes was continuously threatened and sometimes jailed.

On April 23, 1763, Wilkes released what is known as his most infamous issue no. 45. In it, an article harshly criticized a speech made by the King, and shortly after, Wilkes was arrested and imprisoned under a general warrant where he was thrown into the Tower of London. A week later, Lord Chief Justice Pratt ordered his release on the grounds that his arrest was a breach of parliamentary privilege. When asked how far liberty of the press went in England, Wilkes replied, "I cannot tell, but I am trying to find out."

This angered the government, so it secured Wilkes's expulsion from Parliament on the grounds of seditious libel and obscenity.

When Wilkes's trial was scheduled, he fled to Paris in 1764, and in his absence was convicted of seditious libel. He returned after four years, but was not convicted of his charges right away. Instead, he ran for office, and was repeatedly elected to Parliament, but was subsequently denied his seat by the King's party. Wilkes stated that this was in direct violation of the people's right to elect their officials. He was then jailed for 22 months for his original libel conviction. After he was released, Wilkes was elected Sheriff of London in 1771 and then Lord Mayor in 1774.

When his term was up, he was once again elected to parliament representing Middlesex, where he was finally allowed to take his seat.

According to Cox, Wilkes was regarded as somewhat of a hero in the eyes of the American colonists

because he strongly opposed the Revolutionary War. "Wilkes used this as a very useful tool in attacking the King and Parliament" similar to how people use the Iraqi war today to criticize President George W. Bush, explained Cox. Despite continuous scrutiny, and authoritative crackdowns, Wilkes always made it his first priority to stand up for what was right and protect his beliefs, no matter the risk.

Wilkes is best known for his successes in defending freedom of the press and religion, removing the power of general warrants, and fighting to protect the individual rights of the people.

As Wilkes grew older, he began to lose popularity among the people because he was perceived as less radical. When the Gordon riots broke out in England, Wilkes was directly in charge of the soldiers protecting the bank of England from the rioters. When mobbers charged the building, Wilkes ordered his soldiers to open fire. From there, the once, "Man of the people," was now perceived in a different light.

Wilkes died on December 26, 1797 at the age of 70.

On June 4, 1947, Bucknell University Junior College was renamed Wilkes College, and finally in 1990, Wilkes University.

The University's namesake spent much of his adult life defending freedoms that today's Americans widely take for granted or even dismiss. Even in a good year, roughly 40% of eligible voters in America choose not to exercise the right or responsibility to vote. In the most recent State of the First Amendment nationwide survey conducted by the First Amendment Center, a shocking 39% of respondents believe that the American press has too much freedom and 55% agree or strongly agree that the U.S. Constitution was meant to establish a Christian nation. The John Wilkes statue on this campus needs to serve as a constant reminder to all that higher education is about embracing sometimes against-the-grain ideals, challenging authority, and fighting for individual freedoms.

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus.

The Beacon asked:

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- Against it - 13%
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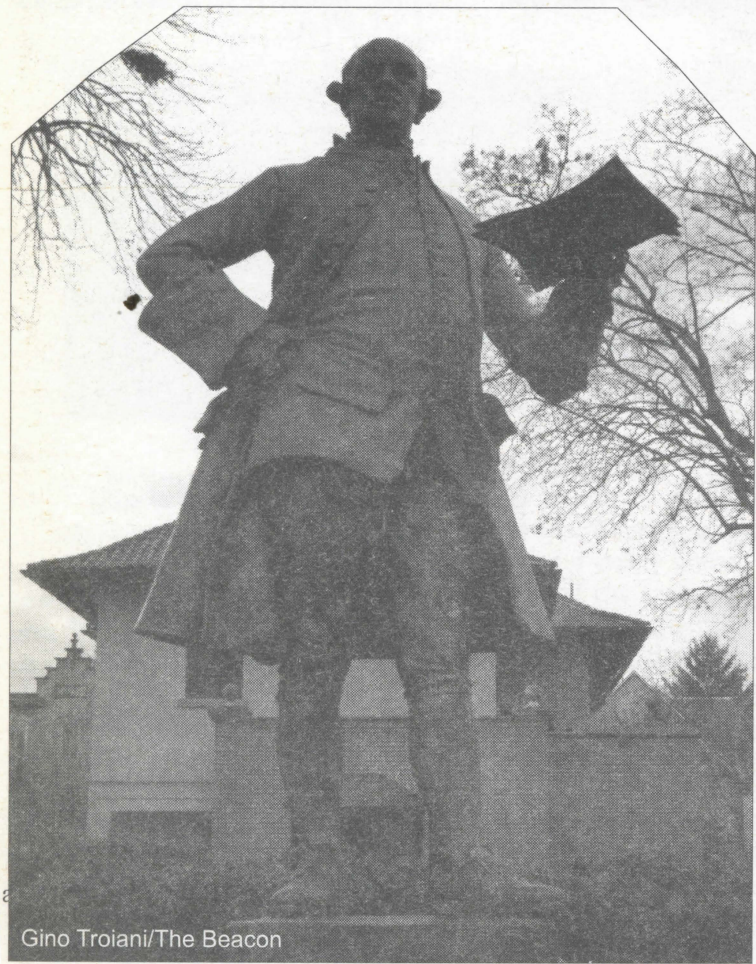
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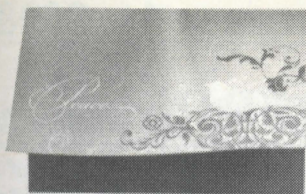
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This replica statue of John Wilkes stands outside of the Farley Library at Wilkes University.



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Taste of Wilkes serves up specialties for United Way

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When the holiday season begins, organizations around the country rally their troops to begin the season of collecting. Whether it is the Salvation Army, the United Way, or any number of other organizations, community outreach organizations tap into their local resources to communicate the need for help. When community organizations talk, Wilkes University listens.

Last week, the 16th annual Taste of Wilkes potluck lunch in the Henry Student Center Ballroom offered the warm and tantalizing aromas of homemade creations from all around the world all in an effort to meet community needs. All proceeds from ticket sales are donated to the United Way Fund.

This year's Taste of Wilkes was organized by Margy Sromovski, office assistant for Student Development; Danielle Kern, assistant to the Community Service office; and Megan Boone, coordinator of Community Service.

"This is our kickoff. Our season typically goes up until right before Christmas, and this year our season will be over on December 17," said Andrea Cowles, a United Way representative who attended Taste of Wilkes.

Organizers opened up the opportunity to become a chef for a day to all Wilkes students, staff, and faculty. Each chef prepared his or her best dish and served it for approximately two hours.

"Margy asked me to get involved, so I

made what I knew I was good at making... haluski, an old Polish tradition. I was up until 1:30 making it, but it's been a hit! It's just another way that Wilkes turns around and helps our community," said Jef Bauman, se-

total surpassed this year.

Taste of Wilkes has not always been the large event it has become. Originally, the event management was in the hands of one department to the next. But Student Devel-

donate to the United Way. Along with the donations of the prepared foods, guests are encouraged to participate in a silent auction that accompanies the dishes.

This year's auction offered gifts from an array of businesses and organizations. Patrons auctioned off restaurant gift baskets, handmade pieces, jewelry, and gift certificates from several different locations.

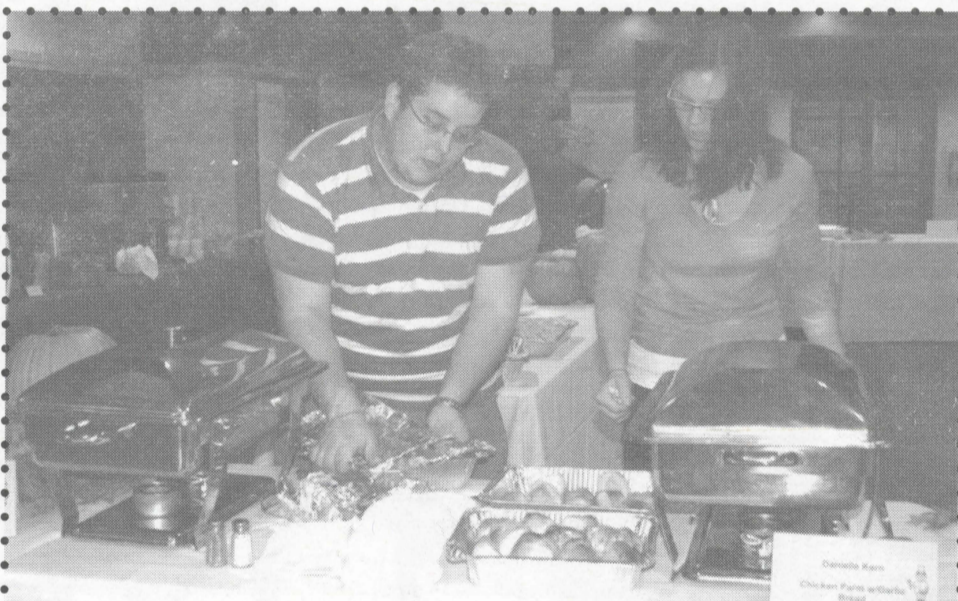
"[The event] has a community-based feeling. The intent is to raise money for the United Way, but a second opportunity is to bring students and staff together in a communal setting," said Dean of Student, Mark Allen.

Several United Way representatives attended this year's Taste of Wilkes to oversee the proceedings and sample their favorite dishes.

"We think it will be a very hard year this year, especially with the economic downturn. Any event like this can help benefit, because people are really in need now. As a staff we appreciate that people have taken the time to put this event together," said Cathy Faatz, United Way representative.

Taste of Wilkes is just one of many potluck inspired events that occur on the Wilkes campus to help raise funds for organizations. According to Boone, Alternative Spring Break also holds a spaghetti dinner each year to raise funds for their trips to help others.

"It's kind of like a potluck, and we share and talk, just like a big family dinner," said Boone.



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The Taste of Wilkes offered homemade cuisine from all over the world cooked by students, faculty, and staff. Last year's event raised about \$600 for the United Way.

nior biology and chemistry major.

Wilkes collected donations at the door of \$5 for faculty and staff, \$3 for students, and there was free admission for chefs. While neither the United Way nor Wilkes has a particular goal for the proceeds, Wilkes collected approximately \$600 at last year's Taste of Wilkes, and many hoped to see that

opment took over Taste of Wilkes several years ago.

"It's always been a good fundraiser. It's a good chance for everyone to come together," said Carol Bosack-Kosek, director of Career Services.

Food dishes are not the only way Wilkes tries to jump-start community efforts to

"Connecting the Dots" pairs students, alumni

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The question, "What am I going to do when I graduate?" is one that weighs heavily on many college students' minds. But Wilkes is providing an option to help students get right on their chosen career track.

An alumni networking opportunity called "Connecting the Dots" will be held on Thursday, November 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Henry Student Center

Ballroom.

The event is coordinated by Carol Bosack-Kosek, director of Career Services, Lisa Mulvey, coordinator for Career Services, and the Wilkes University Alumni Association.

"This is going to be a chance for students to connect with alumni in various fields and talk to them about how they transitioned from being a student to getting into that position," said Mulvey.

"Connecting the Dots" places students in roundtable discussions with one alumnus

per table. Students will have the opportunity to ask the professionals questions about their current jobs and how they got them.

"Students can talk to alumni who may have even had a different major while in school," stated Bosack-Kosek.

Whether students are undeclared freshmen or graduating seniors, "Connecting the Dots" is an opportunity for students to take their questions and interests to others who have been through similar situations.

Students will have the chance to chat with professionals from the business world, the

Secret Service, pharmaceutical sciences, banking, the local prison, social services, a local television station and many others. Each student will be given handouts of contact information of the alumni professionals.

"Lots of students have found mentors that way. They have found future internship opportunities also," said Mulvey.

Along with connecting with professionals in chosen fields, students have the chance to eat, talk, and win prizes.

Greeting cards invoke holiday and "Go Green" spirit

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
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This holiday season, Wilkes University is doing its part to make the holidays a little greener, while spreading a lot of holiday cheer.

Beginning November 3, students could vote on four holiday greeting cards, with the winner to be chosen as the card that will be sent out to Wilkes faculty, staff, alumni and other friends of the University as a gift from Wilkes University president Tim Gilmour and his wife Patty.

"This is an ongoing trend at Wilkes when we came here seven years ago," said Patty Gilmour, who helped organize the vote. "It's just a way of saying hello."

Not only do the cards help to spread cheer around the holidays, but they are also part of an increasingly popular trend to make the University more environmentally sound. The cards are printed on recycled paper, helping Wilkes spread its campaign of going green.



"They are made out of recycled material to stress the University going green in all aspects," said Kathy Dalton, senior class treasurer

who also helped Patty Gilmour with the cards.

The cards, which are outside of the student government office on the first floor of the Henry Student Center, feature four unique designs that help capture the holiday

spirit.

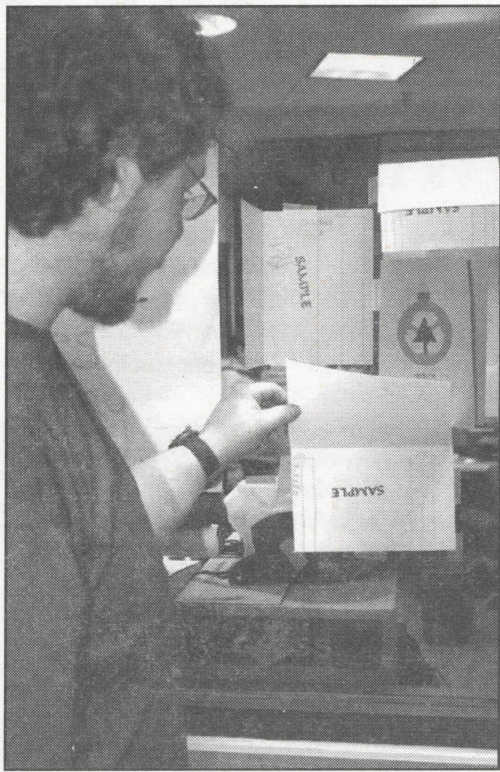
The first two are more traditional in nature. The first features a picture of holly with the words "Seasons Greetings" on the outside. The other shows the ubiquitous Christmas dove next to the word "Peace."

The other two cards feature a blend of both the holiday spirit and the green movement, with one card adorned with a Christmas tree made from the word "Recycle." The other card

features the recycle logo in the form of a Christmas tree with the words "Reduce, Reuse, Rejoice" written on the inside.

"There is a lot of paper wasted during the holidays, and most of it isn't recycled or post-consumer paper," said Gilmour. "If someone wants to throw these cards away, at least they will have been recycled already."

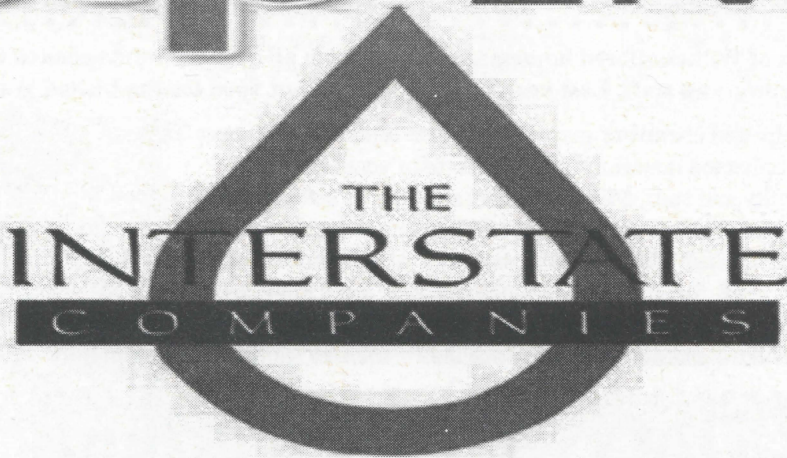
Students will be able to vote on the cards until Friday, November 14. The cards are posted outside of the student government office in the Henry Student Center.



(Left) Wilkes students have the opportunity to vote on one of four holiday greeting cards.

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Seminar wakes up students to sleep disorders

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With final exams just a few weeks away, Wilkes students will have to put in a little more effort to catch some Zs if they have any hopes of grabbing As and Bs this semester.

Sleep issues, including not enough sleep or disrupted sleep, are particularly problematic for college-aged students. On October 31, Health Sciences sponsored a lecture by Dr. John Della Rosa, a neurologist and sleep specialist who practices in Forty-Fort, to offer college students insight into the causes and effects of sleep disorders.

Della Rosa's lecture focused on the neurobiology of sleep, and how certain areas of the brain are affected differently while awake or during sleep. Disorders that he emphasized included insomnia, narcolepsy, and delayed sleep phase syndrome, which he says is one of the most common sleep disorders affecting college students.

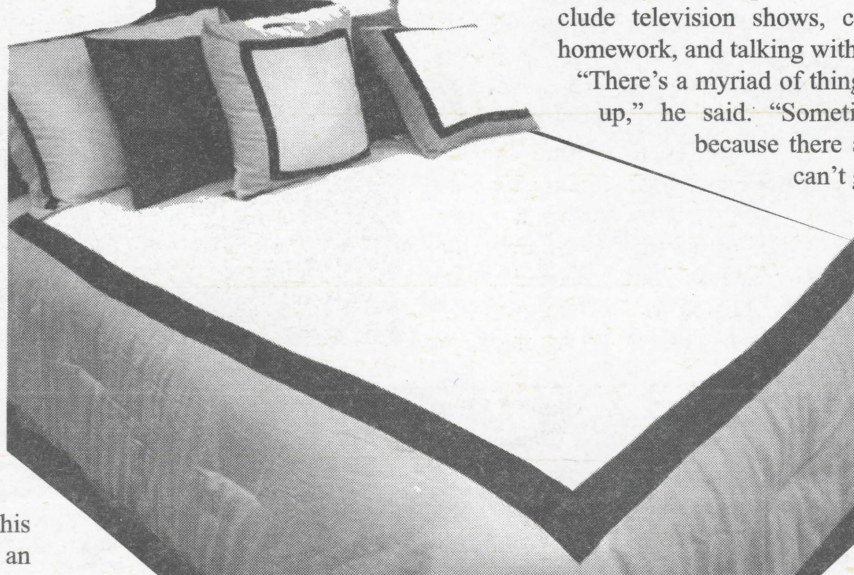
"People want to stay up very late, and this gives them an inability to fall asleep at an appropriate time," he said. "Then the next morning, they will sleep in very late. An example would be going to sleep at 3:00 a.m. and waking up at noon."

A Central Michigan University study that was published in *ScienceDaily* in May looked at the sleep patterns of college students and found that many include issues that can be detrimental to everyday activity. It found that one-third of the students took more than 30 minutes to fall asleep each night, and 43 percent woke up more than once during the night.

The study also found that students have a

tendency to manipulate their bedtimes and wake-up times depending on the day of the week. Many students stay up late on weekends, only to spend the next day in bed until the afternoon. However, changing sleep cycles during the week can disrupt the circadian rhythm, a 24-hour day-night cycle that influences quantity and quality of sleep.

"Problems associated with this would be sleeping in and missing class work, other types of work like part-time jobs, and social



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functions," said Della Rosa. "It can also cause ...fatigue if the student is forced to wake up, and then they can fall asleep in class."

Sleep issues are not limited to students who exhibit sleep disorders. According to the University of Michigan, college students on average sleep only six to 6.9 hours each night. But biology professor Dr. Linda Gutierrez says the recommended amount of sleep is between 7.5 and 8 hours.

"Unfortunately, right now, college stu-

dents are not sleeping as long as they should," she said. "And also, the quality of sleep is not the best. And definitely, the academic performance decreases when the student doesn't have the right amount and quality of sleep."

Mark Simmons, a sophomore electrical engineering major, averages just less than seven hours of sleep each night. While he knows the importance of getting in a full night's rest, sometimes the distractions of everyday life keep him awake. These include television shows, computer work, homework, and talking with friends.

"There's a myriad of things that keep me up," he said. "Sometimes insomnia, because there are times I just can't get to sleep."

Juggling all the aspects of college life, including academic work, extracurricular activities, part-time jobs, and social functions, can be

distracting for students. Worrying about their packed schedules can interfere with sleep, as can the technological temptations that exist 24 hours a day in their dorm rooms.

From his experience as a sleep specialist, Della Rosa counts technological amusements as something to avoid late at night. If students want to get to sleep earlier, he advises them to avoid the computer, Internet, and video games right before bed.

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Student of the Week

Daniel Pascoe

Senior Theater Arts Major

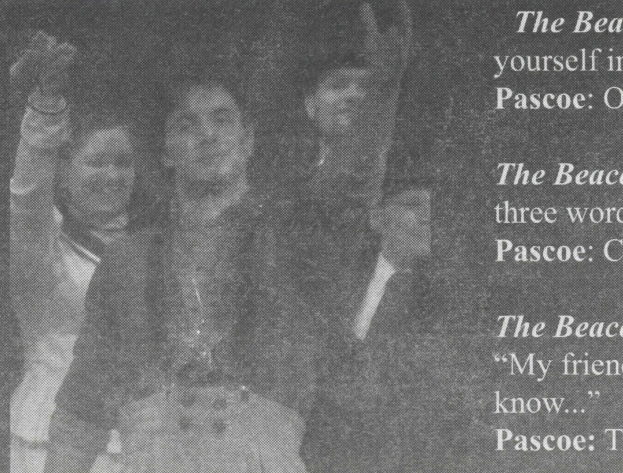
Senior Daniel Pascoe loves the stage.

With his lead in the Wilkes production of *Carousel*, the classic Roger's and Hammerstein musical, Pascoe can take the stage and do what he truly loves.

Pascoe had the opportunity to play the same character in his senior year of high school. He is grateful for the chance to replay characters.

Working towards his bachelor's degree in theater arts, Pascoe sets his sights on making it in "the real world of acting." He sees himself eventually pursuing his master's degree in theater.

Because of his active role in Wilkes the-



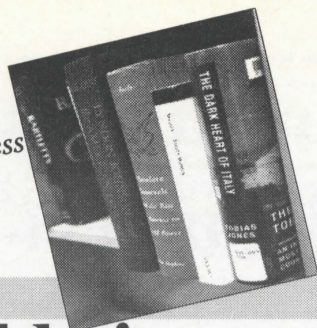
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Carousel brings small town love and life to the stage

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In 1945, *Carousel* was one of the first romantic musicals to introduce the element of tragedy to its plot. The romantic, and often sad play is the latest student production at Dorothy Dickson Dart Center under the direction of Joe Dawson, Assistant Professor of Visual and Performing Arts.

But it's the score that is perhaps the most enduring element of the show. With musical favorites such as "June is Bustin' Out All Over" and "You'll Never Walk Alone," *Carousel*'s music by Richard Rogers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II has become an American musical staple in the last six decades.

The play is also highly visual. Teresa Fallon, Assistant Professor of Visual and Performing Arts, designed the Wilkes sets

and Kevin Hettrich, a junior pursuing a minor in theater, was actively involved in their construction. "It was very hard work, we spent hours building the horses on the carousel; we had to shave them, and tape them out," said Hettrich.

Rehearsals for *Carousel* began after fall break. Students began rehearsing five days a week for about three hours a day to get familiarized with their characters. Jennifer Smeraldo, senior musical theater major, who played the leading character of Julie Jordan explained, "... [*Carousel*] is centered around Billy Bigelow who is a carousel barker and he falls in love with Julie Jordan, my character, and she is a mill-worker in the town... Then they marry, but their marriage is troubled and he doesn't work anymore because he is married to her. [The story is] just about his struggles

on how to be able to be with the people he loves and the things that he tries to accept in his life."

The beginning of the first act revolved around colorful carousel which looked very real. The set construction took about six weeks because throughout the play there were several changes of set. However, the set that involved the carousel was the most impressive and intricate. "I am very proud of the work that all of us came together and did," said Hettrich.

As always, the Department of Visual and Performing Arts chose a play with which students will be able to have a different experience. Greta Kleckner, senior musical theater major, played the character of Julie's cousin Natty. "This is my first singing soprano role... in a show, so I think as a performer learning to be versatile and

playing different characters it's a really good opportunity for me to work with different styles," she said.

Christian Lynch, 21, resident of Forty Fort said, "I thought that the sets were really good, and the set changes were really good, and the singing was awesome. I just really enjoyed it. I thought it was quality production."

However, Stephanie Branas, a sophomore history major found the tragic element of the plot to be a bit of a downer. "It was just kind of depressing."

"[Teresa Fallon] helped us out all the way... If you are not really sure on how to make something, she shows you until you get right, and she has very high patience as well," said Hettrich.

The three hour show will take the stage again Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m.



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Theater Review: Carousel at the DDD Center

BY KENNY BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

The lights came down, and the curtain rose. There was silence. Then came the music, and the carousel began its rotation.

Before I sat down to watch the Wilkes University performance, and Joseph C. Dawson's direction of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*, I already had some

doubt. Sad to say, I was returning to a Wilkes performance, with bitter memories of the last, *Picnic* by William Inge.

But I did my best to suppress them and give them a fresh new attitude. It was a musical, and musical theater does differ in many ways from plain, straight theater. So I sat back, and let them have their theatrical way with my mind.

Carosuel, a popular work by the much loved Richard Rodgers and Oscar Ham-

merstein II, tells the story of Billy Bigelow (Daniel Pascoe), a barker on the local carousel, and Julie Jordan (Jennifer Smeraldo), the pretty mill worker who crosses his path one night at the carnival.

When Billy is fired from his job, and Julie quits hers at the local mill, they fall in love and decide to live together. Since both of them are out of work, they take up board at the house of Julie's friend Nettie Fowler (Greta Kleckner). But with money

running short, and a baby on the way for Julie and Billy, Billy must find a job. After his failed attempts at work, Billy teams up with his pal, and local thief Jigger Craig (Pat Nardone) to rob the local mill owner David Bascombe (Bill McGovern). One thing leads to another and Billy digs himself into his own grave.

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The story of Carousel is easy to follow, and quite entertaining. But what Carousel offers above many musicals, especially this day age, is great dancing. What truly awed in this production was the very beautifully choreographed dancing for such pieces as "June Is Bustin' Out All Over," and "Blow High, Blow Low". The main characters and chorus alike, were all perfectly in step with each other, carrying the

rhythm needed to take a good performance to great.

Now not only was the choreography wonderful but the singing was just as grand. The voices of such characters as Julie, Billy, Nettie, and Julie's friend Carrie Pipperidge (Casey Regan Lynch) rang beautifully through the theater and was incredibly consistent. But in my book, the most noteworthy voice of them all was Greta Kleckner who played Nettie Fowler. During such pieces as "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" and "A Real Nice Clambake"

Kleckner showed the audience her true vocal ability. Two thumbs way up.

Of course every play has its weak points. Every performance has its moments that can be worked on to truly give it the feel of perfection. And no review would be complete without these facts. The only issues I found with this particular performance was the inability of the actors to cheat out, meaning turn towards the audience. Yes some moments may call actors to look at someone upstage, but that does not mean I, the audience member, wants to see your

back.

In the end I was quite satisfied with the overall performance. The acting was excellent, the set was beautiful, the singing and dancing were great, and I was genuinely satisfied. So let this be my announcement of my return to theater.

Go see Carousel at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center this Friday and Saturday, the 14 and 15, at 8:00pm, or Sunday, the 16, at 2:00pm. You will leave satisfied and with a catchy tune in your ear.

Entertainment two-fer slated for November 15

BY AMANDA GUNTHER
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On Saturday, November 15, Wilkes students will have an opportunity to showcase their talents and bust a move on the dance floor.

Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC), Programming Board, and the Wilkes University Step Association (WUSA) partnered to showcase just what kind of moves (and sounds) Wilkes students have through two events in one evening. Both are free for the Wilkes student body.

The night kicks off with a talent show planned by MSC and Wilkes Programming Board. This portion of the evening will take place in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom from 7 to 9.

"It gives students the opportunity to show off their talents and it will be a fun night on campus," said Tracey Garcia, president of MSC.

The show will consist of a wide array of talents from various students and groups

across campus.

"It's a good laugh," said a smiling Garcia.

Following the talent show, the party will move to the Martz Gym where students from numerous college campuses will get to break it down with their friends on the dance floor.

The cross-college mixer was planned for last academic year, but abruptly cancelled after it was discovered that a nationally syndicated DJ had never been scheduled for the event, despite an organizer's claims.

The after party, Pumps vs. Sneaks, will take place from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., and will be free for students with Wilkes IDs and \$2 for students from other colleges.

The theme for this dance is unique and unlike the usual dances at Wilkes. "Ladies wear your heels, guys wear your best sneaks," said Frantzddyn Pamphile, president of Wilkes University Step Association.

"A lot of work went into getting every-

thing together, from getting the flyers ready to promoting it at other schools and on the radio," said Pamphile.

The money raised at the mixer will go fund new uniforms for the step team.

The party is sponsored by WUSA and funded by MSC. MSC is a campus group designed to help increase intercultural understanding across campus and the community. WUSA is fairly new to the Wilkes community. The dance group formed in spring of 2008 and combines rhythmic beats with dance moves in complex patterns.

"I was trying to form a team for a long time, but I didn't have enough people behind me," said Pamphile.

As of last spring, Pamphile had enough supporters to go before Student Government (SG) to pitch her successful idea for a new club on campus.

Word spread quickly, and soon there were enough students involved to begin practices.

The team currently consists of about 14

dedicated members.

"People are pretty dedicated with coming up with new steps and coming to practice," stated Pamphile.

Glynda Goldman, a sophomore nursing major has been a member of the step team since it first began. "Being part of WUSA is a good way to maintain good friendships. Everyone on the team is friends with each other," said Goldman, "Even though there is only one sound, it is completed by many different individuals; we work as a team."

Below: Members of the Wilkes University Steppers Association (WUSA) practice their step moves in for the Talent Show they will be performing in on November 15.



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Volumes goal: promote literacy awareness

BY ALYSSA BENNER
Beacon A&E Editor

Most would agree that the reading students do in college is among the heaviest they will do in their lives. The textbook assignments, journal articles, works of great literature, and even newspapers required by so many classes, can sometimes amount to hundreds of pages each week.

This doesn't leave a lot of room for leisure reading. But the Wilkes chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, an international English honor society, has initiated Volumes, a book club with a goal to promote literacy awareness within the community and provide incentive to students to stimulate their brains by reading for fun.

Volumes meets Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 in SLC 260. Volumes coordinator, Lauren Mannion, junior English major, has been in contact with the 15 or so participating members through e-mail encouraging material suggestions. Members will vote on choices for discussion. Because Volumes got started mid-semester members are reading and discussing short stories, beginning with Chuck Palahniuk's "Guts" until spring semester.

For now, the group is fairly small. Mannion said, "It hasn't been advertised enough to the point where people know about it, I think." The current number one goal of Volumes is to encourage membership among those outside the English department. "We are putting a link on the My-Wilkes site," Mannion said.

Mannion approached Dr. Thomas Hamill, faculty advisor of Volumes during spring 2008 with the concept of beginning a new club that would allow people to read and discuss works they may not find in the classroom.

Hamill said, "My suggestion [to Lauren] was that Vol-

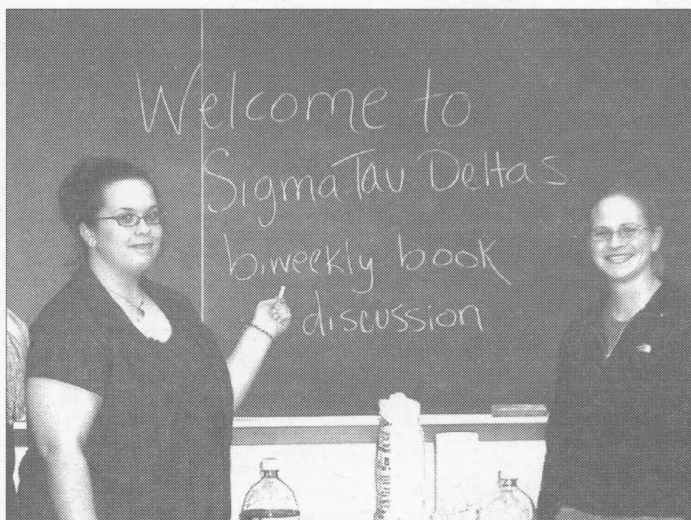


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Lauren Mannion, coordinator of Volumes, initially came up with the idea for Volumes last fall but the book club held its first meeting on October 21 of this semester.

umes could be something that Sigma Tau Delta presents to the community so that people could be members of Volumes as a group, but not be members of Sigma Tau Delta." "Our ideal goal is to read three or maximum four books next semester," Mannion said, "So we'll probably cover one book in two meetings." Some of the suggestions include: *Our Town* by Tennessee Williams; *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie; *Just Listen* by Sarah Dessen; and *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown, all of which came from a list of 30 possible choices.

Mannion said, "There is really no set in stone what you have to read. Even if we do decide to cover something, you could object and say, 'Hey, I really would like to do this instead.'" Volumes members are also thinking of ways to draw in a larger group through a theme party idea. The possible theme is the Twilight series by Stephenie Meyer. The book has been a hit for young adults and members of the group are hoping it will bring a large-scale discussion that includes diverse voices from across campus.

Volumes is the first book club of its kind on Wilkes campus. Hamill said, "As far as I know, I've been here six years and I don't know of any book clubs."

Hamill said, "It's very ambitious...in that it allows students a chance to meet regularly to talk about a wide range of text and...it really is an effort to reach out and promote literary interest in the community."

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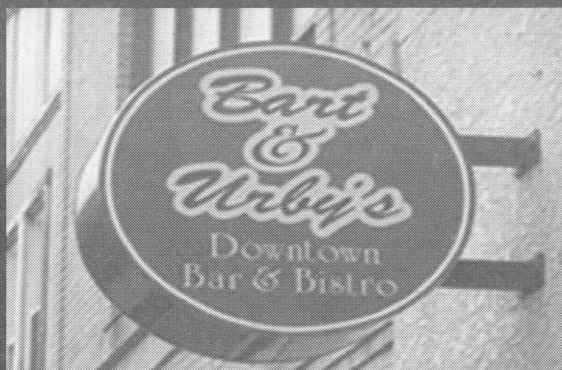
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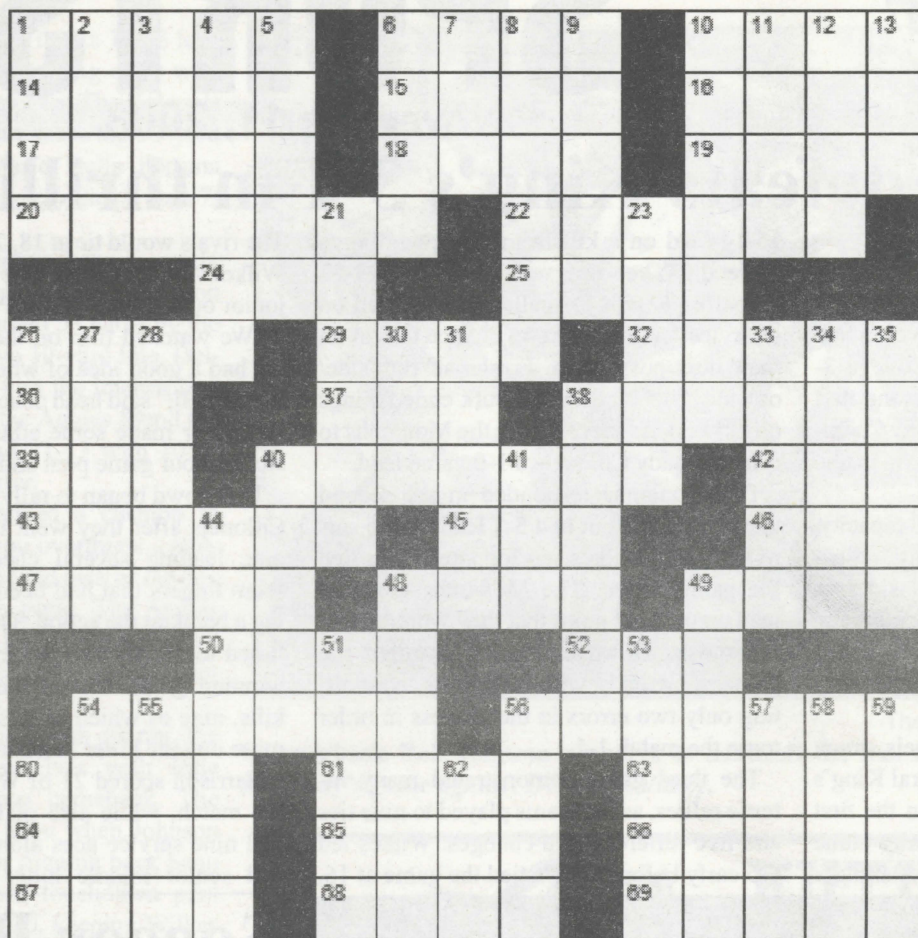
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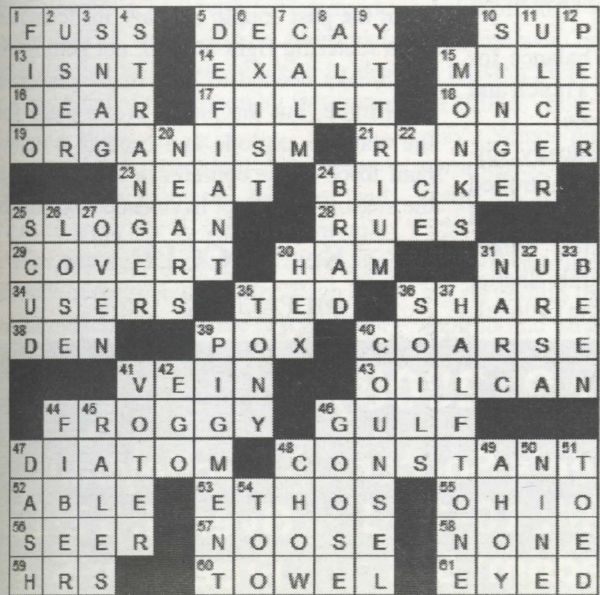
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Volleyball defeats King's 3-1 in thrilling playoff match

BY DANIEL KAUTZ
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The Wilkes Lady Colonels volleyball team defeated visiting King's College 3-1 (25-23, 18-25, 25-22, 25-21) in the first round of the Freedom Conference Championship on Monday, November 3, in the Marts Gymnasium.

The bleachers were filled half-capacity, but the turnout was actually highly indicative of a playoff atmosphere; considering the fact that Bill Clinton and Democratic Congressman Paul Kanjorski were leading a pre-election rally only three blocks away that drew hundreds of spectators.

Out of the gate, the Lady Colonels struck quickly, taking advantage of several King's mistakes en route to a 5-0 lead in the first set. The Monarchs would eventually come back to tie the game at 14, before taking a

15-14 lead on a kill from freshman Tanya Rabenold. The teams would play to a 23-23 tie before King's Danielle Belfani erred on a service, giving Wilkes a chance to win on their next possession. Freshman rightside/outside hitter Kaitlyn McGurk ended things quickly on her serve, acing the Monarchs to give the Lady Colonels a 1-0 game lead.

The Monarchs responded in the second game, jumping out to a 5-1 lead before surrendering to a Wilkes scoring streak that tied the game at ten. The Monarchs took the lead on the next point that they would never relinquish. However, they controlled the game offensively with eight kills, committing only two errors in the process in order to tie the match 1-1.

The third game demonstrated many intense rallies, as the teams played to nine ties and five different lead changes. Wilkes led 6-5 early before King's tied the game at 16.

The rivals would tie at 18, 20, and 22 before Wilkes was able to take the lead for good on junior outside hitter Julie Page's kill.

"We watched film on them all week and we had a good idea of where we wanted to hit the ball," said head coach Alicia Orłowski. "They made some adjustments, but we stuck to our game plan and it worked."

The crowd began to rally behind the Lady Colonels after they went up two games to one, leading several cheers and waving foam fingers that had been passed out during a break in the action. The Lady Colonels failed to disappoint, picking up the match-winning game behind the strength of 19 kills, nine of which were scored by sophomore outside hitter Marissa Harrison.

Harrison scored 21 of Wilkes' 55 kills in the match, while also picking up ten digs and nine service aces along the way. Page and senior middle hitter Katherine Har-

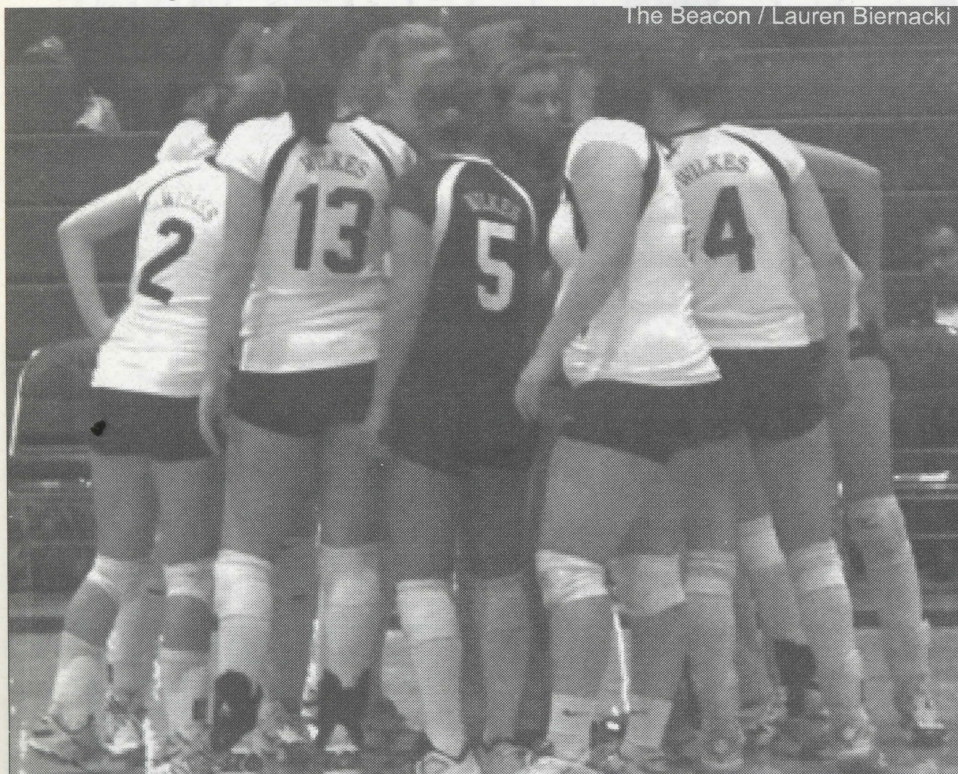
ington also reached double-figure kills for the Lady Colonels, netting 13 and ten, respectively.

"I was really happy with our defensive effort today. We have been working on that all week and it really showed and I am proud of them," said Orłowski.

"[Playing King's] just brings out the best in the team because of the fact that they are our rivals and everyone wants to beat them," said Harrison. "It really gets the adrenaline pumping through your veins."

The win propelled the Lady Colonels to the second round of the playoffs where they were defeated 3-0 by a very strong Eastern University (32-1) in the Freedom Conference Championship.

"We played well this season against some very tough competition," said Harrison. "I credit the competition we played to our success against King's in our playoff game."



The Lady Colonels defeated King's 3-1 in the first round of Freedom Conference playoffs November 3 at the Marts Gymnasium.

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Soccer Playoff Recaps

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
Beacon Correspondent

Women's Soccer v. DeSales and Eastern

Looking to avenge a 3-0 regular season loss, the Lady Colonels took the field on Wednesday, November 5 to face top-seeded Eastern University in the semi-finals of the Freedom Conference soccer tournament.

In the teams' first meeting, Eastern brought their "A" game, running one step ahead of the Lady Colonels throughout the match.

With the season hanging in balance for both teams, Eastern turned it up a notch and brought their "A+" game this time.

The game featured two drastically different performances as Eastern controlled the game from the get-go and dominated throughout the entire 80 minutes. Wilkes goalies Jessica Berkey and Sarah Shetler were attacked from all sides as the Colonels

were out shot 17-0 for the game, as well as 8-2 in corner kicks.

"It was frustrating for me and the players," said head Coach John Sumoski. "We defended too much. In a game like that you need to get possession of the ball and do productive things to build your confidence. We did not do this, and we struggled to execute our game plan. I could have done a better job preparing my team for a game of that magnitude considering what we were going up against and the fact that we had a young team on the field."

For the past couple of years, the team has been teetering right at .500, not getting all the breaks needed to be a major player in the league, but the pieces are in place for the team to explode and become a dominant force in the conference. And although the season might not have ended exactly as

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Current Standings (as of November 9, 2008)

Football
Overall: 3-6
MAC: 3-3

Field Hockey
Overall: 17-3
Freedom: 7-1

Men's Soccer
Overall: 10-8-2
Freedom: 5-2-1

Women's Soccer
Overall: 10-10-1
Freedom: 5-3

Volleyball
Overall: 12-19
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Delaware Valley comes alive in second half

Football loses sixth game of the season

BY LINDSAY BEHRENSHAUSEN

Beacon Correspondent

As the sun broke through the clouds over Ralston Field on Saturday afternoon, the play of the Delaware Valley Aggies seemed to get hotter.

Wilkes (3-6) jumped out to an early lead but soon found Delaware Valley (6-3) battling back to eventually capture the win, handing Wilkes their sixth loss of the season in their final home game.

The Colonels began their first scoring drive when junior quarterback Rob Johnson connected with freshman running back Zach Tivald for a 33-yard pass. With 10:06 left in the first quarter, freshman fullback Harry Reese rushed for four yards into the end zone to put Wilkes on the scoreboard first with a 7-0 lead.

Delaware Valley's first drive of the quarter proved to be fruitless as a result of Wilkes' solid defense. Defensive linemen sophomore Chris Swinarski and senior Matt Archey combined for a sack and junior defensive back Corey Gilroy broke up an Aggie pass to force Delaware Valley to punt with 5:38 left in the first quarter.

Wilkes continued to build a lead in the second quarter. Halfway through the quarter, a late and disputable pass interference penalty against Delaware Valley aided the Colonels in their drive downfield, advancing them 15 yards. Shortly afterwards Johnson found sophomore Jordan D'Emilio for a completed 34-yard pass as another Aggie penalty moved Wilkes even closer into scoring position.

The third penalty of the drive would not go in the home team's favor, however, as the Colonels were marched back 10 yards as a result of an illegal block. The Colonels quickly regrouped as Johnson completed the 79-yard touchdown drive by completing a pass to standout junior Gennaro Zangardi to put the Colonels up 13-0 with 5:52 remaining in the half. A series of two additional penalties against Wilkes would lead to the first missed point of the season by freshman kicker, Chris Horn.

Delaware Valley, who had been moving the ball throughout the half but had no points to show for it, would eventually score after putting together a drive in the last seconds of the second quarter. With less than a minute remaining in the first half, the Aggies completed a 52-yard scoring drive to put their first points on the board. Wilkes would end the first half with a 13-7 lead in a penalty-filled first half.

The second half would see a swing in momentum between the two teams. The play of the Aggies started to heat up at the end of

the third quarter as they took a 14-13 lead on a 66-yard, 12-play scoring drive with 2:08 left in the third quarter. The Colonels ended the quarter with a soaring 53-yard punt from senior Mario Della Fortuna that traveled to Delaware Valley's own 7-yardline.

The shift in momentum became costly early in the fourth quarter as a Johnson interception was returned 53 yards by the Aggies to Wilkes' own 19-yard line. Delaware Valley would turn the interception into a bigger lead as the Aggies found the end zone to go ahead 21-13 with 10:26 left in the fourth quarter.

Delaware Valley added a cushion to their lead after Johnson overthrew a Wilkes receiver for his second pick of the day with 9:00 left in the game. The Aggies marched downfield for a 79-yard drive that resulted in a touchdown, giving them 28 to go ahead 28-13.

With 3:35 left in the fourth quarter, the Colonels found themselves with little time for a miraculous comeback. The Colonel's kept hope alive when Johnson connected with junior running back Sean Madden for a 20-yard touchdown pass to make the score 28-20, keeping Wilkes alive with 1:40 remaining in the game.

However, the Aggies would complete their momentum swing by recovering an on-side kick from Wilkes and then draining the clock. That would give Wilkes one last scoring opportunity with seven seconds left to play, but a fumble would end the chance as time expired. The Colonels finished the game with a season-high 373 offensive yards and a career-best from Johnson as he completed 27 of 47 passes for 301 yards and two touchdowns.

Despite the efforts of the Colonels, Delaware Valley proved they were able to shake off their sluggish first half on the road and went on to capture their first win at Ralston Field since 1991. The loss ended Wilkes' hopes of entering postseason play. Senior punter Mario DellaFortuna commented on what the loss means to the team.

"It's always disappointing to not make playoffs but right now we are concentrating on ending the season with a win. We want to end on a positive note, hopefully carrying momentum into the offseason and setting up for the future," DellaFortuna said.

The Colonels will close out the 2008 season this Saturday as they take on Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania.



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Quarterback Rob Johnson prepares to hand off the ball to a running back during Saturday's game against Delaware Valley.

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planned, the ladies are excited about the future of the program.

Sophomore Brittany Ely, who scored the game-winning goal in the first round of the playoffs versus Desales, was optimistic about where the team is headed.

"The loss left a bitter taste in our mouths. We were a lot better than the score showed and that is hard to end a season on. Getting to the semis makes you want it that much more the following year, so I think getting that hunger and want instilled in the younger players will fuel us to have greater success next year," said Ely.

After all, the Lady Colonels lose only four seniors and return a wealth of talent from this year's team that finished the season 10-10-1, most of whom saw an ample amount of playing time throughout the course of the season.

Sumoski, too, is excited about what the future holds for the team. "Next year we look forward to more experience. Most importantly, teams grow through adversity, and we have had our share of that this season. If we learned from it, and move forward trying to make improvements, we should be a better team next year."

Men's Soccer v. Manhattanville and Misericordia

On the men's side of the field, this past week saw the Colonels cruise to victory over number three seed Manhattanville en route to a showdown with Misericordia, a battle of the conferences top two teams.

Wilkes opened the game versus Manhattanville strong with junior Greg Miller converting a penalty kick just 1:46 into the game.

At the 18 minute mark, sophomore Doug Moore iced the victory with a screamer that scorched the back of the net, adding to a 2-0 lead that the Colonels would never relinquish.

The Colonel defense stymied the Valiant attack, not allowing a single shot the entire game, making T.J Baloga's seventh shutout of the season an easy one.

The Colonels didn't waste any time celebrating and put the game into the back of their minds almost immediately. However, the Colonels had their work cut out for them with top seed Misericordia awaiting them on Saturday afternoon.

After all, it was only a week before that the Cougars stunned the Colonels, scoring

four unanswered goals on their way to a 4-3, double overtime shocker that secured the Cougars the number one seed for the Freedom Conference tournament.

And on Saturday you could have sworn it was a replay.

It was junior Sean Vona who struck first, ripping a penalty kick into the back of the net just 35 seconds into the second half, giving the Colonels a 1-0 advantage.

Each team exchanged shots on goal for the rest of the match but neither was able to come through with any points.

With the victory all but sealed up, Misericordia decided to rain on Wilkes' parade.

With Wilkes up 1-0 with all of fifteen seconds left in the game, Misericordia launched a throw from the corner into a sea of white and blue. The ball was deflected off of Misericordia's Tim Bullis and into the net, tying the game at one apiece.

The game went through a couple of ten minute overtimes but neither team could muster a goal, leading to the most gut-wrenching period in soccer: the shoot-out.

During the heart stopping period, the teams matched each other goal for goal and save for save until Misericordia's Josh Yoo converted on the team's sixth shot after Wil-

kes' could not convert its opportunity.

"We had opportunities to finish the game and it just didn't go our way," said sophomore Sean Stitt. "It's hard to say what we did wrong; we worked hard and got an unfortunate result."

With the loss, the Colonels end the season with a record of 10-8-2 with the last of the bunch being the toughest to let go.

"Losing this opportunity will not be forgotten for a while, but hopefully we stay optimistic and look at the things we did right," said Stitt. "And since we only have two seniors, we know that next year is going to be another great year for us. We played our game today and didn't get the outcome we wanted."

As hard as it is to swallow right now, the heart-breaking defeat might be just what the doctor ordered for this very young team. Judging by the way the team played this year, and with nearly everyone returning next year, we may be seeing only the beginning of something very special.

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SPORTS

Wrestlers shine in opening tournament at King's

Courtesy of Craig Merriman, Sports Information Director

The Wilkes wrestling team opened the 2008-09 season in fine fashion with a second-place finish at the King's College Monarch Invitational.

The Colonels had three individual winners as well as three second-place finishers. In the 133 pound division, Josh Pauling cruised through his bracket with a 9-2 win over Mike Knapp of Oneonta before shutting out Erik Johnson 3-0. In the championship match he defeated Kyle Flicklinger, who is ranked fifth in the National Wrestling Coaches of American Preseason Poll, 7-6.

In the 174-pound division, Frank Heffernan recorded a fall in 4:56 to defeat Matthew Terry of Scranton before taking down Brian Thomason of York, 7-2. In the championship match, Heffernan took down Mike Rielly, who is ranked No. 7 in the preseason NWCA Poll, 5-3.

Andrew Feldman, the No.1 seed in the 285-pound division won three matches to win his bracket. He took down Rich Dalmas of King's in a fall, before cruising to a 10-3 win over Shane Cooley of York. In the championship bout, Feldman took a 3-1 win over Chris Rash of King's.

Second-place finishers include Shaun Farnham in the 125-pound division, who recorded a fall in 1:18 in his opening-round match over Rich Beningo of Oneonta. In his second-round match, he took a 9-1 win over Davis Mason before falling to Jerrod Hartman of York, 3-2.

Anthony Dattolo, competing in the 141-pound division, won two bouts before falling to Casey Smith of United States Military Academy in the championship. He took down Mike Ebert of Scranton in a technical fall in six minutes. He also defeated Tony Miele of King's 9-5 before beating teammate Derek Brownmiller. He would eventually fall to Casey Smith of the United

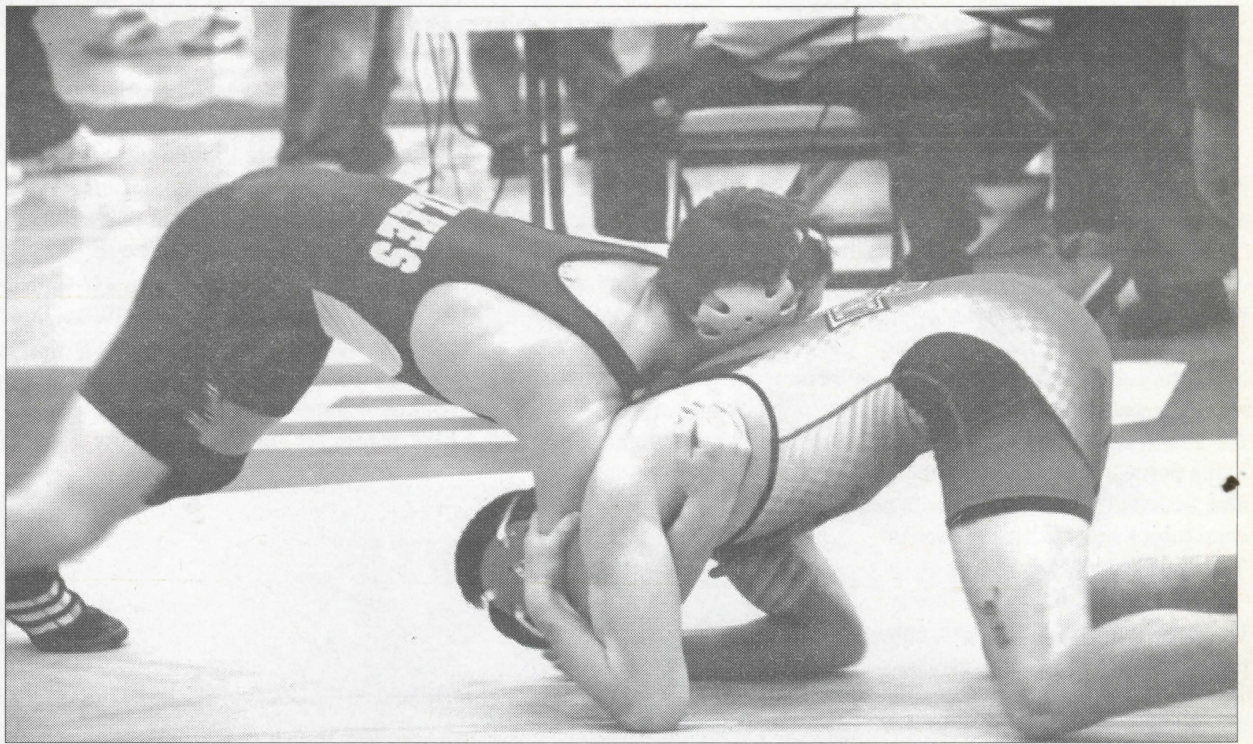
States Marine Academy.

In the 149-pound division, Erik Smith fell to Rob Kein of Muhlenberg in a 4-2 overtime bout. He opened with a 7-2 win over Chris Poleto before taking down David Staulters of Oneonta who had to default due to an injury. In the semi-finals, Smith took down Devan Whiteman of Oneonta 4-3 in overtime before falling to Kein.

Also competing in the 141-pound division was Donny Clark, who won his opening bout over Kevin Williams of Scranton with a fall in 47 seconds, marking the quickest takedown for the Colonels. He also took down Steve Meditz of Oneonta in a 1:15 fall before falling to Casey Smith of USMA.

Clark would come back in the consolation bracket to finish fourth with a 17-0 win over Miele before falling to Taylor Ulm of York in the third-place bout. Brownmiller finished sixth in the same weight class. Brownmiller won his opening bout 9-2 over Patrick Gibson of Muhlenberg before beating Justin Davy, 10-5.

In the 149-pound division, Tom Andresen won his opening-round bout 8-2 over Dylan Giandalia of York before falling to Kein,



149-pound wrestler Erik Smith tries to gain control against his opponent from SUNY Oneonta at the Monarch Invitational on Saturday November 8. Smith would finish second in the tournament.

23-7. Andresen came back in the consolation bracket to defeat John Rocha with a fall in 3:58 before taking down Frankie Davis. He would eventually fall to Devan Whiteman 2-1 in the fourth-place bout.

Competing in the 157-pound division, Rich Sparks won his opening bout 8-7 over Mike Guenther of Scranton before falling to Russell Bettancourt of Army, 8-6. He would come back in the consolation bracket to defeat T.J. Brownell 12-1 for a third-place finish.

Wilkes had four members competing in the 165-pound division with James Histed taking a 17-1 win over Mike Bonomo of Scranton before taking down Matt Heisey, 3-2. He would eventually take fifth place with a win over Jerry Robbins of King's.

Adam Levine fell to Victor Nicotra, 11-5 in his opening bout before taking down Adam Finch in the consolation bracket with a fall in 1:02. His day would come to an end with a loss to Matt Heisey.

Tyler Ferry fell in his opening-round bout, but advanced in the consolation bracket when teammate John Fritzch had to default because of an injury.

In the 197-pound division, No. 1 seeded Zach Pizarro took a 9-7 win over Tom Fitzpatrick in his opening bout before dropping out due to an injury. Pizarro is currently ranked No. 8 in the NWCA rankings.

The Colonels will return to action next Saturday when they host the annual John Reese Invitational that will feature eight teams.

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Greatest season in field hockey history may be over

Lady Colonels lose championship; team awaits bid to national tourney

BY ALISSA LINDNER
Beacon Sports Editor

One word to describe the end to the 2008 Lady Colonel field hockey season: Heartbreaking.

The team won its' first ten games of the season before losing to nationally ranked Elizabethtown. The team posted its' best season in the history of Wilkes field hockey, reaching national recognition as the 18th best team in Division III in the process. The Lady Colonels also defeated two-time defending champion King's College twice in four days last week.

Freshman goalkeeper Lindsey Davenport won her first two collegiate starts in penalty strokes. Senior forward Alyssa Koncelik knocked in 14 goals and four assists for a team-high 32 points and six game winning goals.

Entering the Freedom Conference Championship game, the Lady Colonels only lost twice in 19 games. The ending to a memorable season: heartbreaking.

On Saturday November 8, Wilkes hosted Eastern University (14-6) for the title every player in the conference hopes to walk away with, a conference championship. The Lady Colonels defeated Eastern earlier in the season 2-1 on the same field; however in the game that mattered most, the scored reversed itself and Wilkes fans were left fighting back tears for a team they had grown to love.

Eastern forward Olivia Derr scored the lone goal of the first half just under seventeen minutes into the game. The Lady Colonels pressured throughout the first half and despite three penalty corners, Wilkes could not get past Eagle's

goalkeeper Laura Ressler.

The team controlled much of the second half and freshman forward Amanda Peters was finally able to beat Ressler just under five minutes into the second half. Junior midfielder Brittney Sines was credited with an assist on the play.

The score would not remain tied for long however as Eastern freshman stand out Yvonne Herbster

out the season is clearly visible. When a goal is scored against, the players on the field huddle to regroup. Fans on the sidelines can hear, loud and clear, the team talking to each other whether it be to alert a player to an oncoming opponent or congratulate someone on a job well done.

Despite a loss in the conference championship, head coach Sara Myers has no regrets about the

to concentrate on the good things about this season," Myers said.

And then there is the five seniors. Kerry Battersby, Devon McKay, Kristina Naveira, Diana Wright and Koncelik started their journey at Wilkes on a team that went 9-11 their freshman season; however each player worked hard to improve their play and chase their dream of a conference championship. And in their final season,

Wilkes they were freshmen and all five have grown and developed into impact players and great leaders. They have taken this team and turned it into a championship program. They have started a tradition and proved how hard work and dedication can pay off," Myers said.

She added, "It is always hard to say good bye to the seniors, but they were the start of a complete change in the program. I have enjoyed working with them every day for the past four years and I hope they realize how amazing their contribution has been to the team."

As of press time, the Lady Colonels were waiting to find out if they receive an at large bid to the NCAA tournament or an invitation to the ECAC tournament; however despite a potential end to their season Myers could not be prouder of a team that worked so hard.

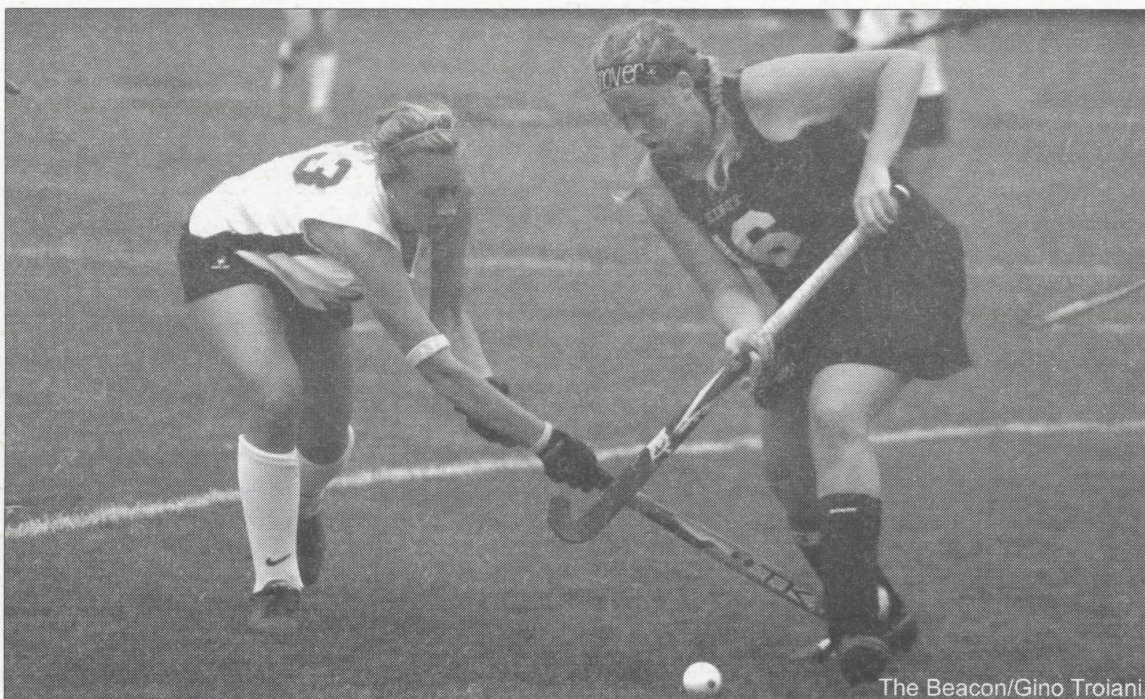
"This years team understood how great it can be when you work together. Our team has amazing talent, the upperclassmen are hardworking and dedicated, they demand the best out of every practice and every game. The freshmen are extremely talented and brought intensity and desire into the team," she said.

Myers added, "But it was the way they worked together that made our season a success. You can have the best players in the world, but if they don't work together nothing will get accomplished. The 2008 team worked together everyday, every practice and every game."

the women were one win away from slipping on the glorious, 2008 Freedom Conference championship ring but the ending just didn't go their way.

Myers could not speak any higher of those five talented and dedicated seniors.

"When I started coaching at



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In route to the championship game the Lady Colonels defeated defending champion King's College 1-0 at Ralston Field. Number 23 Amanda Peters battles her opponent for the ball during the game on Wednesday November 5.

chipped in an unassisted goal 30 seconds later. The goal would turn out to be the game winner as the Lady Colonels could not get past Ressler again despite nine second half penalty corners.

And the journey ended.

Watching this team on the field, the bond that developed through-

women's play in the game.

"We worked extremely hard to get to the championship game and I couldn't be happier with the way we played. We had the momentum at the start of the second half and created some great opportunities. Unfortunately it did not go our way this time, but we need

What to see and do this week...

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Check out Pizza Wars in the SUB at 7 P.M.! 'Drop Dead Ken' will be performing.

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Check out the "Behavior and Treatment of Schizophrenics" lecture/seminar in the SUB ballroom at 6 P.M.

13

"Connect the Dots" presentation from former alumni on how to make it professionally in the SUB from 6-8 PM. There will be food and prizes, as well as networking opportunities!

14

Come to the W-B township Barnes & Noble for a poetry reading; bring your own too and feel free to share! 7 P.M.

15

Wilkes University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts will present Rodger's and Hammerstein's romantic musical "Carousel" at the Darte Center at 8 P.M.